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A Great Reduction Sale!

In order to reduce stock so that I can have room for my large stock of fall goods, I will clean out my immense line, covering two large floors and a large ware room, at very low prices. Having had an unprecedented sale of goods this season, for the reason that I sell

BETTER GOODS FOR LESS MONEY

than others. (not cheap trash, but good goods at low prices.) As it is impossible for me to quote prices on all my goods, I will just give you few as samples:

GOOD HARD WOOD BEDS, - - - $2.00.
FINE COTTON TOP MATTRESSES, - - $2.00.
BED SPRINGS AT - - - - - $2.00.
ROCKING CHAIRS FROM 75c UP.

Bedroom Suites, solid oak, at the very lowest prices. Bureaus, Chiffoniers, Book Cases, Hall Racks, Carpets, Linoleum, Oil Cloth—in fact everything that goes to make up a first-class Furniture Store. Don't take my word for it; don't take anybody else's word for it, but come and see for yourself and be convinced that this is the

CHEAPEST PLACE TO BUY GOODS IN THE STATE.

Being in the Furniture business in this town for many, many years, our reputation for reliable goods and honest dealing is too well known to need further mention and if you need anything in the furniture line, get our prices before purchasing.

☞BIG BRICK BLOCK, Cor. Fourth and Chestnut Sts.

GEO. J. LaBAR.

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Impressive showing of styleful goods for

FALL and WINTER WEAR.

Now is the time you need good warm underwear. I have it. Just in. All grades and sizes.

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The best line I have ever shown. Cheviots, Parolas, Serges Henriettas, 5yd patterns of Venetians 52in. wide, all colors.

5yd patterns Ladies Cloth 52in., all colors.

Inviting offerings in Ladies', Misses' and Children's Jackets and Capes.

All new and up-to-date in every particular. Prices less than same goods can be bought for in any city.

LADIES' WRAPPERS.

Beauties in flannelette and prints.

BLANKETS.

All grades and prices. Comfortables, bed spreads, flannels, yarns, &c.

SHOES.

Extra values in shoes. Specially good line of rubbers, ladies', children's, men's and boys' overs.

All grades in lumbermen's gums.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

Shirts, pants, overalls, neckwear, footwear, gloves and mittens, hats, &c.

The celebrated "Richey" flannel drawers.

Ladies' nice, warm, wool shawls, &c., &c.

Yours truly,

C. JAY GOODNOUGH,
Assignee.

Winter Wraps.

We do not claim to sell all the Ladies' Jackets, Capes, Collarett and Tailor-Made Suits in Cameron county, but we do claim that we sell more Winter Wraps than any other store, because we have the only complete line.

Our prices are within the bounds of all classes. We invite the public to inspect our line of SKIRTS, and SHIRT WAISTS A complete line of Ladies' Fall and Winter Shirt Waists, Walking Skirts, Winter Wrappers, Gloves, Hosiery and underwear.

W. H. CRAMER'S
The Popular Variety Store.

OLD RELIABLE DRUG STORE'S

Prescription Department is up to date in every particular. Hundreds will attest to the very low prices. 30 years experience.

Wall Paper.

2000 rolls at 3c per roll. A great variety of high grade paper at greatly reduced prices.

Paints! Paints! Paints!

Paints, oils and varnishes, a full line. Enamel paints, varnishes and stains, in all colors.

Fishing Tackle.

Save money! Call for your Prescriptions, Wall Paper, Paints, Oils Fishing Tackle.

L. TAGGART, Prop.

WEDDING BELLS.

SYKES-STEPHENS.

At the Free Methodist Parsonage, in Emporium, Pa., Dec. 24th, 1900, by Rev. F. W. McClelland, Mr. Charles Sykes, of Galeton, Pa., and Miss Louie Stephens, of East Emporium, Pa., were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Mr. Sykes was formerly of this place and enjoys the esteem of a large circle of friends, while the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Stephens, highly respected citizens of Emporium, and is a young lady greatly admired by all of her associates.

SWARTWOOD-BAIRD.

Thursday, Dec. 27th, 1900, at the parsonage of the First M. E. Church, Rev. O. S. Metzler united in marriage Mr. Wm. E. Swartwood and Mrs. Ella A. Baird. Mr. and Mrs. Swartwood left on the evening train for a brief wedding sojourn and on their return will reside in Emporium. Their many friends wish them much happiness.

STEPHENS-MURPHY.

At the residence of G. H. Stephens, on Fifth street, Emporium, Pa., Dec. 25th, 1900, Mr. Samuel R. Stephens, of Emporium, Pa., and Miss Alma Murphy, of Eldred, Pa., were united in marriage by Rev. F. W. McClelland. Miss Edda Holcomb acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Carl Hughes as best man. The ceremony took place at 12 o'clock, noon, in the presence of about sixteen relatives and friends who had gathered for the occasion.

Those from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Dunkle, of Ridgway, Pa., grandparents of the groom, Mr. John Marsh, of Tidioute, Pa., and Mrs. Mary Carter, of Oil City, Pa.

After the words were pronounced that made them man and wife the company was invited to sit down to a table laden with all that was necessary to make that part of the occasion a real success. The affair was pleasaut throughout, and their many friends join in congratulations and best wishes for a long, prosperous and happy married life.

The PRESS takes pleasure in adding its congratulations and well wishes to the above contracting parties and bespeak for them a calm sea to the end of their matrimonial voyage.

KAYE—NORIE.

As announced in our last issue, the marriage of MISS MARTHA KAYE, eldest daughter of our esteemed neighbors and citizens, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kaye, to MR. JAMES L. NORIE, a popular young Renovo gentleman, took place Christmas morning at Emmanuel Episcopalian Church, at 8 o'clock—Rev. J. M. Robertson officiating.

The bridal party entered the church, which was well filled with friends of the contracting parties, in the following order: Flower girls—Misses Charlotte Hill and Carolyne Moore. Maid of Honor—Miss Gussie Norie, sister of groom, carrying the bride's bouquet, composed of white bride's roses and maiden hair fern. Bride's Maid's—Rebecca Harris, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Mary E. Logan, of Emporium, carrying bouquets of carnations and asparagus. Then followed the bride, leaning on the arm of her father, carrying a white Prayer Book, from which the marriage was solemnized.

The bride was met in front of the altar by the groom, attended by his best man, Ben S. Gunsberg, of Renovo, when the beautiful ceremony of the Episcopalian church soon united the contracting parties.

The Wedding March was beautifully rendered by Mrs. W. H. Howard. The church was artistically trimmed with evergreens and chrysanthemums of bridal colors, pink and white.

Messrs. Chas. T. Logan and J. W. Kaye acted as ushers in their usual efficient and pleasant manner.

The bride was beautifully gowned in White Dutchess Satin, trimmed with chiffon and apleque lace over taffeta. The Maid of Honor, as well as the bride's maids, were handsomely gowned and, as ladies always do upon those holy occasions, looked lovely.

Immediately after the ceremony the wedding party repaired to the bride's residence on Sixth street, where a reception and wedding breakfast was held. The home was decorated with evergreen and mistletoe.

It was a very pretty wedding and the earnest wish of all friends goes with the happy couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Norie departed on the afternoon train for Washington, Philadelphia, New York and Boston to pass the honeymoon. They will reside at Renovo.

GUESTS.

In addition to a large number of friends who attended the wedding from this county, the following from abroad were in attendance:

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Norie, (mother and father of groom), Walker W. Haffy, Renovo; Miss Lena Snook, Lock Haven; Mr. and Mrs. Simpson Robinson, Williamsport.

Judge Bonham Resigns.

Associate Judge J. Chas. Bonham of this county, but during the past three years engaged in business at Franklin, Pa., has resigned his office, which took effect Jan. 1st, 1901. Gov. W. A. Stone immediately appointed Geo. A. Walker, Sr., of Emporium, who will fill the office until the next general election. Although the resignation of Mr. Bonham had been expected it came as a surprise at this time. Judge Walker is a respected citizen of this place and closely identified with the business interests of the county and a firm believer in the advancement of better and cleaner politics in State and Nation, and a more close adherance to the letter of the law in this district and county.

We believe his appointment by the Governor gives very general satisfaction and his duties will be faithfully and fearlessly adhered to, without fear or favor.

W. N. Y. & P. Improvements.

The Pennsylvania Railroad management has determined to make extensive improvements in the present alignment and grades of the Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad. Engineers are now making surveys and work will be commenced in the early spring. The heavy grades are to be reduced and a number of the sharp curves eliminated. It is the intention of the Pennsylvania Railroad people to build up the Western New York & Pennsylvania to the highest Pennsylvania standard.

A Pack of Cards.

Manager Clarke has contracted with that roaring farcial skit, "A Pack of Cards" to appear at the Emporium Opera House, on Wednesday, Jan. 9th. The talent which exploits this bright comedy is a leading factor in the play's success. Such lights as the great Prentice Trio and the many farceurs that form the organization, certainly know how to serve up farce comedy in an attractive form. Numerous spectators have described it as a carnival of mirth and this characterization of the piece seems justified by the results. Certain it is that no other farce comedy before the public is greeted with more laughter than punctuates the many good things in this play. The title is vague, but those who glean the idea that it is a production full of gambling phrases and cheap variety talk, should dispell such thoughts at once. It is absolutely free from all that is objectionable or offensive. Telling the ridiculous story of twin brothers who by mistake marry the same girl. A Philadelphia undertaker also figures strongly in the plot, as also do three girls who all bear the name of Vera. "A pack of cards" is used to straighten out this complication and hence the title. The play has been given a special mounting by the well-known scenic artists, Gates and Morange, of New York, thus making this production appear to even greater advantage.

Secure your seats in advance at H. S. Lloyd's. General admission, 35c. Reserved seats, 50c. Children, 25c.

DIED.

ROSS BISEL HOWARD, son of Mr. and Mrs Josiah Howard, was born Dec. 22, 1900, and died Wednesday morning, Dec. 26, 1900.

CHESTER R. BAIRD,

The Big Iron Man, Forced Into Bankruptcy.

HE HOPES TO RESUME BUSINESS.

His Attorney Says that a Plan of Adjustment will Soon be Submitted to Creditors.

[Philadelphia North American.]

Chester R. Baird, iron dealer and manufacturer, operating as C. R. Baird & Co., was, on his own petition, adjudged a bankrupt yesterday by Judge McPherson in the United States District Court. The liabilities aggregate $1,500,000, and the assets, unofficially, are estimated at $1,000,000. John N. M. Shimer, of L. & R. Wister & Co., and Attorney William H. Staake were appointed receivers, and each entered security in the sum of $25,000.

The failure is invested with peculiar features. Ten distinct manufacturing properties, rolling mills, blast furnaces and iron works, scattered through four States, are involved. These properties are: The Elmira Steel Company, Elmira, N. Y.; the Cumberland Nail and Iron Works, Bridgeton, N. J.; the Fullerton Rolling Mills, Fullerton, Pa.; the Catasauqua Rolling Mills, Catasauqua, Pa.; the Chickies Iron Company, Chickies, Pa.; the Danville Rolling Mill, Danville, Pa.; the Roanoke Rolling Mills, Roanoke, Va., and blast furnaces at Emporium, Pa., and Roanoke and Iron Gate, Va.

None of these plants is in operation now, having been closed through legal entanglements precipitated by creditors. Most of them are in the hands of receivers.

PLAN OF ADJUSTMENT.

James C. Jones is attorney for Mr. Baird. He said: "We have nothing to say beyond the statement that the bankruptcy proceedings were invuluntary, and that a plan of adjustment, now preparing, will soon be submitted to creditors. By means of this plan we hope to meet all obligations and resume operations."

Mr. Jones declines to make any correction of the estimate of assets, as also did Mr. Baird, who said:

"It is an unusual complication, and although the amount of calculated assets may seem strange, I cannot make a statement until my plan is submitted to creditors. I believe it will be possible to pay dollar for dollar."

Mr. Baird is quite a young man, and bears a good reputation in the steel and iron trade. The cause of his financial distress is not low prices for iron, but the fact that he undertook an enterprise of too great magnitude for his resources.

Mr. Baird began six years ago as a commission dealer in iron, under the name of C. R. Baird & Co., with general offices in the Bullitt Building. He was moderately prosperous from the start.

When iron prices slumped in the latter part of 1898 he discounted the big boom of 1899, and contracted for large quantities of pig iron for long future delivery. When the boom came it made him rich. On the bulk of his pig iron contracts he realized in profits the difference between $8.50 a ton, the price of purchase, and $20 a ton the boom market price.

It is estimated that Mr Baird cleared more than $1,000,000 on that deal, and it made him a reputation in the Eastern iron trade.

The climax yesterday had long been expected, and was little more than a formality to forestall less favorable action.

CREDITORS INDULGENT.

Attorney John Dickey, Jr., represents creditors with claims aggregating $160,000. He intimates that these claimants will be indulgent, and believes the business will speedily be reorganized

Receiver John N. M. Shimer is a practical iron man, and he is said to be confident of putting the concern on its feet.

It is understood that a plan of reorganization provides for a stock company to be formed under New Jersey laws, with a capital of $1,500,000, and to be called the Baird Iron Company. It is then proposed to issue twenty-year five per cent. bonds for the outstanding claims. Creditors are said to look upon this plan with favor.

James M. Swank, general manager of the American Iron and Steel Association, said: "There is not the slightest danger that a panic will result from the Baird failure. It is simply a caution to dealers who are selling to persons whose paper or endorsements they might be asked to accept."

Sunday Liquor Selling.

General complaint is being made by our citizens over the "wide-open" liquor selling on Sunday, especially in the East ward, where it has become disgraceful. Last Sunday, we are informed by residents of that ward, that it was certainly scandalous, the lock-up containing five common drunks. It is time that the hotel men, for their own protection, took some plan to put a stop to it, before the people rise up in their might and prevent the granting of license entirely. The people are masters of the situation in spite of any assurances of protection that may have been given to violators of the license law.

Shippen Republican Candidates.

The following candidates have filed their names and paid the fee as candidates for office, to be voted for at the Shippen Republican primaries. No names will be entered upon the ticket unless fee is paid in advance:

Frank Sweesey, Supervisor.
A. Cheesbro, Supervisor.

WEATHER REPORT.
(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)

FRIDAY, Fair and Cold.
SATURDAY, Cloudy and Warmer.
SUNDAY, Probably Snow.

"The Old Man" in the Saddle.

Stalwart Republicanism won in organization of both Senate and House at Harrisburg, and Senator Quay is once more in the saddle. The first battle was over the election of Speaker of the House, Hon. W. T. Marshall, the nominee of the Regular Caucus won over Gen. Koontz, who had the support of the Insurgents and Democrats. The vote was close but sufficient.

Senator Quay will be elected Senator on the 15th.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

MISS ELLIDA WARNER.

The death of Miss Ellida Warner occurred Friday morning, Dec. 21, 1900, at her home on Kirby street.

Miss Warner had suffered several years from failing health, and two years ago dropsy developed which she became aware after a time was incurable. Notwithstanding her evident decline towards death, and the constant aggravation of her disease, Miss Warner did not yield to despondency but was remarkably cheerful and patient at all times, relying upon the promise of the joys of Eternal life. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, uniting with the society fifty years ago.

Miss Warner was 64 years old. She was the daughter of Robert Bostwick Warner and Priscilla Bixby, who was a sister of the late Charles Bixby. Mr. and Mrs. Warner resided three miles above Bainbridge on the West side. Of the seven children born to them of which Ellida was one, four remain; the sisters Miss Lois Warner and Mrs. Daniel Banner of Bainbridge, and Miss Clarina Warner of Belfast, N. Y., and a brother, George Warner of Emporium, Pa., who was the eldest child.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Arthur Spaulding officiating. A quartette consisting of Messrs. D. A. Gilbert, Daniel Banner, E. C. Burdick and Dr. Evans sang several selections. The burial was in the Episcopal burying-ground and the bearers were Wm. Cartledge, Edgar Hayes, Bion Smith and Roswell Benedict.—Bainbridge Republican and Express.

Notes and News.

Special services are now being held in M. E. Church, with more than usual interest and prospects of revival.

If you are not a subject of the prevailing cough now afflicting the people you are extremely out of fashion.

The Epworth League has purchased fifty new singing books, "Sermons in Song, No. 2," which will be used at the devotional meeting Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has declined to join other trunk lines in discontinuing half fare tickets for clergymen, missionaries, Salvation Army people and other religious workers.

The third quarterly meeting of the Cameron circuit, Wesleyan Methodist Church, will be held at the church in in Rich Valley, Jan. 5th and 6th, 1901. Rev. C. G. Buck of Houghton, N. Y., will be pretent and have charge of the services. First service Saturday at 2:30 p. m.; evening service at 7 o'clock. Love Feast Sunday morning at 9:30. All are cordially invited.

The Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg is the central part of the deal to-day on railroad movement, says the Philadelphia Times. This is the road the New Yord central is after. In order to cover the connecting link 104 miles of new roadway must be constructed from Clearfield to Karthaus and Youngsdale, and the New York Central has a clear way to Pittsburg.

LOCAL NOTICES.

FOR SALE.—A number one fresh cow, six years old. F. G. JUDD.

The popular and reliable clothier, N. Seger, is equipped to meet the demands of the people. Call on him.

Zinc and Grinding Mare

Devoe Lead and Zinc Paint wear twice as long as lead and oil mixed by hand. tf

It is our desire that all people may be happy and prosperous, therefore we have aimed to dispose of our goods at a small margin. N. SEGER.

Parlor suits, book cases, choffoniers, bedroom suits, in fact everything in the furniture line, going cheap at La-Bar's. 42

WANTED.—A respectable lady to take charge of home consisting of five children. Good wages to right party with reference. Apply to Box 461, Emporium, Pa.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.—As I expect to quit farming next year have several tons of fertilizer and some first-class farm tools that I will sell at cost. Call at once on Chas. M. Spangler, West Creek, Pa.
Dec. 21st, 1900. 45-2t

$100 Reward.

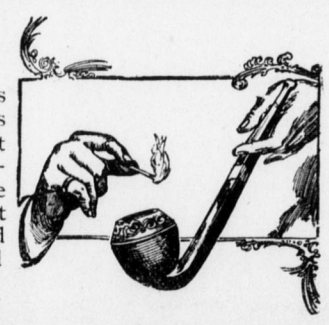
$100 reward will be paid for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of person or persons who furnished intoxicating drinks to George Howard on Monday night, Dec. 31st, 1900. JOSIAH HOWARD.

EASTMAN'S KODAK

You can carry it in your hands, on your shoulder, in your pocket or on your bicycle. You press the button and the Kodak will the rest.

Smoke It

and smoke it. It will be a burning proof of the goodness and quality we sell here for little money. Years of business has convinced us of two things—that we can make the most money by being perfectly honest, and that almost every smoker has a different pipe taste. The pipes we have—well, there are long pipes, short pipes and pipes so twisted that it would take you a month to unravel them. Prices are varied too—but there are none of them long—none of them twisted



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No local inserted for less than 75 cents per issue.

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The Job department of the PRESS is complete and affords facilities for doing the best class of work. PARTICULAR ATTENTION PAID TO LAW PRINTING.

No paper will be discontinued until arrearages are paid, except at the option of the publisher.

Papers sent out of the county must be paid for in advance.

The Need of Savings Banks.

At last accounts, the deposits in the savings banks of the United States amounted, in round numbers, to $2,200,000,000—an impressive total, which represents an average of nearly $30 for every man, woman and child in the country. An analysis of the figures discloses a singular concentration of savings banks. More than four-fifths of the deposits, or, to be more nearly exact, a little more than 87 per cent., are in the 11 New England and middle states, leaving less than 13 per cent. distributed among the other 34 states. There can be no question that savings banks encourage thrift, says Youth's Companion. People are a great deal more likely to lay something by for a rainy day if they feel a reasonable assurance of finding it when they need it, with a pleasing addition of interest. These figures show that large sections of the country are entirely without savings banks. It is the consideration of this fact which gives weight to the argument for the establishment of a postal savings-bank system. There is much to be said in favor of that system; yet when we examine the practical working of the British post office savings bank, which has been suggested as a model for this country, the result does not encourage imitation. For the last four years the bank has shown a yearly and increasing loss, and the London Times declares it insolvent. In view of this fact, congress may well hesitate to establish postal savings banks. Without waiting for action in that direction, communities which lack institutions for savings may wisely devise means to found them, and to foster and safeguard them by state legislation.

A Record of Heroism.

The annual report of the federal life-saving service is one that is read by few and cuts little figure among the department publications, and yet it deserves to be widely read as a record of heroism and service to humanity performed by the life guardsmen who patrol our ocean and lake coasts to save life and property, justly observes the Chicago Tribune. During the last fiscal year 700 shipwrecked persons have received help at the stations. The value of property imperiled was $9,737,260, and of property lost $2,245,800. Out of 3,436 persons whose lives were in danger only 53 were lost. To accomplish these results has cost the government $1,535,936, an insignificant sum when the number of lives and immense amount of property exposed to loss are taken into consideration. The men who perform these services are heroes, and yet the general superintendent says that certain of them "are among the poorest paid servants of the government"—an injustice which congress should remove. If any men deserve o be well paid it is our coast life guardsmen.

Borrowing a convict from state prison to open a safe seems rather a startling thing to do. A dispatch to the Chicago Tribune from Columbus, O., tells of such an occurrence: "In order to secure valuable papers belonging to her dead husband, Col. F. J. Pickard, a civil engineer, who died a few days ago, an expert safe-blower, now a convict in the state penitentiary, was loaned to Mrs. Pickard by the warden to open the strong box in which the papers were kept. The prisoner was conveyed in a closed carriage to the safe, which he blew open, and was then returned to his cell. All Col. Pickard's private papers were locked up in the safe, and the plan of securing the services of a burglar was adopted. It took the convict 12 minutes to open the safe."

R. Moore ran for justice of the peace in Bourbon county, Kan., at the recent election, and was defeated. He publishes an affidavit regarding his election expenses and gets in a fling at his successful rival in this fashion: "Uniontown, Kan., Nov. 28, 1900: Not having any blanks, and being a law-abiding citizen and a defeated candidate for justice of the peace in Marion township, I hereby certify under oath that I did not expend one cent to secure my election. I further swear and firmly believe if I had spent $500, and had two butcher shops to back me, I could have been elected to a ten-dollar office."

DUE TO REPUBLICANS.

Rural Free Delivery of Mails a Beneficent Result of McKinley's Administration.

The rural free delivery has been such a surprising success that it has no open opponents. This has not always been the case. When the experiment was proposed by the Harrison administration it was quite generally condemned and congress made a meager appropriation for a very limited trial of the scheme. It was denounced on the ground that it would involve an expense far beyond the advantage promised. When the Cleveland administration succeeded that of Gen. Harrison a halt was called and the postmaster general demonstrated that rural free delivery of mails was impracticable because of the great cost. The scheme of the Harrison administration slumbered four years. The McKinley administration took up free delivery in earnest, and under the energetic direction of ex-Assistant Postmaster General Heath the experiment was pushed with vigor and intelligence.

Rural free delivery is more than the word success would imply, since it is the adoption of a new policy that is certain to change the relation of city and country to an extent that may be called revolutionary. To the middle of November 2,614 routes had been established in 44 states, serving a population of nearly 2,000,000 people. By July 1 next 4,300 routes will have been established, carrying the mail daily to 3,500,000 people. Deducting the expense of the old system as far it has been discontinued, and making allowance for the increase of revenues under the new system, the cost of free rural delivery is about 66 cents per capita. At the present time 31,000,000 residents of cities and towns have free delivery. In the hamlets and on the farms within the limits of a reasonably free delivery system are 21,000,000 farmers and villagers to whom a daily mail service can be extended at a cost of $13,782,224. If congress could be induced to cut off the flagrant abuses of the regulation of second class matter, enough would be saved to the postal revenues to pay the entire expense of rural delivery and something to spare.

The scheme for a rural free delivery is a republican device. It was urged by Mr. Wanamaker when he was postmaster general, and was started to be quickly abandoned. It was taken up by the present administration, never having had the support of democrats in congress until it was an assured success. Rural free delivery is one of the great services which the republican party has rendered the country. It is of vast consequence to the large farm areas that its full benefits will not be realized for years. The agents of parties are criticised oftener than applauded—criticised for insignificant and seeming defects. Would it not be fair, once in awhile, to recall a great service like the free rural delivery and place it to the credit of the party which has rendered it?—Indianapolis Journal.

BRYAN'S MAGIC TOUCH.

The Discredited Prophet of Disaster Never Relinquishes His Hold.

So William Jennings Bryan intends to start a newspaper of his own. He is to do this in order, as he announces, to keep "in touch with social, economic and political problems." It is to be a weekly newspaper, sans news, issued to touch the aforementioned problems in order "to provide an income sufficient for my (his) pecuniary needs."

We sincerely trust that Mr. Bryan's anticipations of a success that will allow him "more time with his family than he has been able to enjoy for several years" will be realized. If all who voted for the nominee of the Kansas City convention will only send a subscription of one dollar to the Commoner, Lincoln, Neb., it will establish William Jennings Bryan in the bosom of his family beyond the necessity of running for the presidency every four years.

Talk of the Midas touch! The man who, by keeping "in touch with social, economic and political problems" in the columns of a weekly newspaper, can hope to allure one dollar a head from 6,502,925 American citizens annually has a snap beyond Col. Sellers' dream of selling eye water to 500,000,000 sore-eyed Chinese!

Great is Bryan, there's millions in his touch.—Chicago Times-Herald.

☞Mr. Bryan's finish is in sight. He formally announces that he will establish a weekly newspaper in Lincoln, to be devoted to the principles of the Kansas City platform. If he ever had any chance of election to the presidency it will be gone before he has been editing three months. But what fun Editor J. Sterling Morton will have with his Lincoln contemporary, and what a relief to the rest of us when Mr. Bryan gets a newspaper of his own to advertise himself. "Mine enemy" who writes a book runs great risks, but when he starts a paper he is simply inviting grief in varied and bitter form. —Minneapolis Tribune.

☞Senator Hanna has been the recipient of more abuse than praise, but the delegate in the convention of the Federation of Labor who declared that he would prefer Mr. Hanna in the cabinet over any representative of labor paid him a compliment worth having. —Indianapolis Journal.

☞The total McKinley plurality on the popular vote is now placed at 906,000. Later and fuller official returns may bring it nearer the million mark. Both on the electoral and popular vote President McKinley is a record breaker.—Troy Times.

PROSPERITY INFLATES.

Increase of Money in Circulation Through an Honest Policy.

In the report of the director of the mint appears convincing evidence of the utter absence of any necessity for an artificial inflation of our national currency. For the fiscal year we produced $71,000,000 in gold, over $6,000,000,000 in excess of the output during the banner year of our history. The world produced $306,000,000, a gain of $19,000,000, and this despite the practical closing of the Transvaal mines because of war.

Statistics upon this subject, as affecting the United States, throw additional light upon a feature of the recent report of the secretary of the treasury. Within the comparatively short period of four years there has been an increase of 33 per cent., or $500,000,000, in the circulating medium of this country, fully meeting the demands because of extraordinary emergencies and of the increased volume of money moving in response to enlarged and more active industries.

Nearly two-thirds of this expansion has been in gold coin and certificates; one-fifth in silver dollars, certificates and subsidiary silver coin, and the remainder in government and national bank notes. This keeping pace upon a solid footing with the most wonderful development of general prosperity in the history of the country should certainly silence those who would have made us the silver dumping ground of the world, on the plea that we could not have enough money with which to carry on business unless this suicidal policy were resorted to.

The increase that has been made in a currency that is good the world over, is greater by 50 per cent. than all the mints in the country could have turned out in silver had they worked at their fullest capacity, 24 hours a day. Our home crop of gold is annually increasing, and the gold of the old world is flowing to our markets. A great nation is permitted to vindicate the adage of honesty as a policy.—Detroit Free Press (Dem.).

WILL BRYAN RUN AGAIN?

The Defeated Popocrat Thinks the Democracy Will Act the Fool Again.

Mr. Bryan has recovered his breath and, being sure of his wind, enters the lists for the third battle. In a published communication Mr. Bryan announces the democratic platform for 1904. His announcement of that platform is in itself an announcement of his candidacy for the nomination in 1904. The self-declared candidacy is made more emphatic because he insists that the platform for 1904 shall be the same which he forced upon the Kansas City convention this year, and which he says he had a right to force upon the convention because in all but two states the delegates had been instructed for his renomination. At the beginning of the democratic platform for 1904 Bryan places the distinctively Bryanistic doctrine of free silver. He does that because he knows that he rises or falls with free silver.

Bryan reads out of the party for 1904, as for 1900 and 1896, the gold democrats. In his eyes defeat for the democratic party is less to be deplored than obscurity for Bryan. Perpetual candidacy brings Bryan a better income than ever did the practice of law.

But will the democratic party be asinine enough to accept again the leadership of Bryan? Bryan thinks it will be, and he can claim the law of probability as a witness that if that party has done an idiotic thing twice it is likely to do it the third time.—Troy Times.

CURRENT COMMENT.

☞At present democrats are very little disposed to look forward, but four years hence they will learn some valuable lessons, if so inclined, by looking backward.—Indianapolis Journal.

☞Adlai Stevenson does not display as much interest in the defeat of the democratic party as Mr. Bryan does. But then this was to have been Mr. Stevenson's second helping.—Washington Star.

☞McKinley had in the state of New York a majority of 96,072 over all other candidates. Such figures were unknown before the democratic party dropped to its present level.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

☞Apparently Mr. Bryan has started in to write for publication and for compensation. Surely newspapers will not be so foolish as to contract for his interviews with himself at space rates! —Indianapolis News (Ind.).

☞Mr. Bryan's decision to start a weekly newspaper for the airing of his views is wise and should be satisfying to the public, for this means that the disowned prophet of the democracy run to seed will secure a harmless outlet for his superabundance of energy. —Pittsburgh Leader.

☞As a first step toward the reorganization of the democratic party Col. Henry Watterson should feed the Kansas City platform to his famous "horned lion of plutocracy." The morsel might kill the creature, but it would be an immense relief to the party.—N. Y. Mail and Express.

☞William Jennings Bryan is to be admired for his courage, if not praised for his discretion. The man who can deliberately start a paper in defense of the principles of the Kansas City platform after reading the returns of the last election is certainly not lacking in nerve.—Detroit Journal.

☞Free trade, or, to use the modern term, "tariff for revenue only," is in keeping with the democratic ideal of as little government as possible, allowing the greatest freedom for individual initiative. Will the party swing back on these lines? It is bound to do so in time.—Indianapolis News (Ind.).

RESTS WITH DEVERY.

Tammany's Anti-Vice Committee Says the Chief of Police Is to Blame for Existing Evils in Gotham.

New York, Dec. 25.—The Tammany committee of five at a meeting held Monday issued a statement that Chief of Police Devery could rid the city of vice in two hours if he so chose. They further say that they will present facts to the grand jury in the event of no immediate action being taken by the police.

Chairman Nixon presided at the meeting. Several members of the police department appeared before the committee and said that the places mentioned in the list given to Chief Devery by Chairman Nixon were closed. The majority of the places were gambling dens and disorderly houses.

After an executive session of two hours, Chairman Nixon gave out the following statement:

"The list of suspicious places handed to the police is by no means complete and we shall be guided by developments as to when and how they shall be made public. My object is to close such places, and by closing them demonstrate to their owners that those who have taken money from them for protection, lack the power to protect. No matter what party is in office, about the same sort of men will be found farming out immunity.

"Every department of the city government except the police department is doing good work. I am satisfied by what I have found that the chief of police could close every gambling house and pool room in the city in a few hours. Our motive now is to show that these places are not protected by the Tammany organization and, further than that, to show that a system which has existed during this and the preceding administration, can be stopped if the police department can be induced to act. A single-headed commission with power can remedy existing abuses, not only for a time, but permanently. A bipartisan police commission and the excise department are the sores on the body politic and they should be reformed jointly, and they will be when the people come to a full knowledge of the iniquities which owe their existence to them."

A DUEL AT A DANCE.

An Italian Revel at Mamaroneck, N. Y., Ends in a Murderous Battle.

New York, Dec. 25.—An Italian dance at Mamaroneck, N. Y., which was started Sunday night as a Christmas celebration ended Monday morning in a muderous row, one man being killed outright, another so badly stabbed that he is expected to die and several others receiving bad wounds. The scene of the tragedy was the "Foot and a Half House."

The row was started by Antonio Dori. Verata Naraglano was waltzing around the hall with a young woman who had refused to dance with Dori. The latter followed them about the hall, ridiculing their dancing and making himself generally disagreeable to them. Naraglano replied to his taunts and Dori challenged him to a duel. The dance was stopped immediately. Naraglano and Dori started outside, followed by all the revellers.

Naraglano drew a revolver, Dori a stilletto. The latter made a plunge at Naraglano and drove his stiletto deep into the man's breast. Naraglano fired twice. One shot tore open Dori's arm and the other struck Antonio Guiseppi, one of the musicians, in the eye, the bullet penetrating the brain. This immediately precipitated a general fight. When the Italians had fought themselves tired Guiseppi and Naraglano were helpless on the ground. Dominico Chippi and Guiseppi Cortez were bleeding from many cuts.

Guiseppi, the musician, died last night and Naraglano is still unconscious.

After the fight there was a general flight of Italians from the town and as but little information can be obtained no arrests have been made.

Congress Must Act First.

Washington, Dec. 25.—It has been decided that no further action can be taken with regard to the return of the volunteers from the Philippines until congress shall make provision for their deplacement. The war department is considerably embarrassed by the failure of congress to make provision before the recess for the relief of the military situation in the Philippines. The department has concluded that it is absolutely necessary to maintain an army of 60,000 men in the Philippines until the policy of establishing municipal governments throughout the archipelago has been executed.

Fighting in Leyte.

Manila, Dec. 25.—Advices from the island of Leyte show that there is still considerable turmoil on the west coast, but that the east coast is quiet, the leaders having retired to the mountains. Lieut. Lynch and three men of the Forty-fourth infantry were wounded near Iingas, on the west coast. Two men of Company L, Forty-third infantry, were killed and three of Companies L and K, together with Lieut. Leaf, were wounded December 13 near San Miguel. No decided results have yet been secured by the 4,000 United States troops distributed among the coast towns of Samar.

Playwright Sage Dies.

New York, Dec. 25.—William F. Sage, a playwright and dramatic critic, died at his home in this city Monday. He was a brother of Mrs. Abbie Sage Richardson, who died in Italy about a fortnight ago. Since receiving the news of his sister's death Mr. Sage had been very despondent and it is believed the shock of her death brought on an attack of paralysis. His great ambition was to become a successful playwright, but only one of his numerous plays was ever produced. That was called "Destiny."

FUSIONISTS FEAST.

Messrs. Bryan and Kern Deliver Notable Speeches at a Banquet Given in Lincoln, Neb.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 27.—The annual banquet of the Jeffersonian club of Lincoln last night brought together nearly 300 representative men of the democratic and populistic parties of Nebraska, together with a number of leaders from other states. William J. Bryan made his first appearance at public gathering since the election and the greeting accorded him was never more hearty.

Aside from the remarks of Mr. Bryan, the event of the evening was the speech of John W. Kern, defeated democratic candidate for governor of Indiana, who aroused the banqueters to a high pitch of enthusiasm, not only by his laudation of Mr. Bryan, but by his outspoken criticism of those democrats whom he accused of contributing to Bryan's defeat. His denunciation of democrats who offered "gratuitous counsel to the democracy," though he mentioned no names, was accepted as a reference to ex-President Cleveland.

Mr. Bryan, whose subject was "Principles Live," said in part:

"At this banquet, surrounded by neighbors who have been my friends for ten years, I may be pardoned for saying a word of a personal nature. Five times you have voted for me for public office—twice for congress, once for the United States senate and twice for the presidency—and no candidate ever received more loyal support than you have given.

"Whether I shall ever be a candidate for office again is a question which must be determined by events. No one can speak with certainty of the future, for one's destiny is not known until his life's work is complete. I shall be content if it is my lot to aid in the triumph of the principles while others enjoy the honors and bear the responsibility of office.

"The holding of public office should be an incident and not the extreme aim of the citizen. It should not be an end, but the means for the accomplishment of a purpose.

"The presidency seemed desirable because it would have enabled me to give effective aid to certain reforms which I believe to be necessary to the public welfare, but defeat—even a second defeat—does not lessen my interest in this reform, and time may prove that my work is to advocate rather than to execute.

"The Commoner will give me an opportunity to participate in public discussions, and I am sure that an editorial pursuit will furnish as much intellectual enjoyment as I could have found in the White House, and in addition thereto will give me more time for home pleasures.

"The principles for which we contended in the last campaign still live and we who believe in them must continue to fight for them. An election does not change principles; it only determines what principles shall be for the time being applied."

Mr. Kern, who spoke in response to the toast "The Rank and File," praised Richard Olney, David B. Hill, Bourke Cochran, Robert E. Pattison, Alexander K. McClure, Arthur P. Gorman, Henry Watterson and other gold democrats for their course in the late campaign and "their patriotic protests against the advance of the hosts of imperialism," and continued:

"It is in no spirit of bitterness, however, I add that there were a few men, once prominent in democratic ranks, who in the midst of all the stormy scenes of this mighty contest remained silent, except that now and then they took occasion to furnish aid to the enemy by making public denial that they were in sympathy with the cause of the people.

"For the sake of the future welfare of the party I shall attempt no harsh criticism of the course of these gentlemen, but I will not forbear saying here and everywhere that they need not be surprised if any gratuitous counsel which they may seek to thrust upon the millions of loyal democrats who fought the good fight and kept the faith shall fall upon reluctant ears."

RECEIVERS ARE APPOINTED.

C. R. Baird & Co., Steel and Iron Mill Owners, are Embarrassed.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—Judge McPherson, in the United States district court, yesterday appointed John N. M. Shimer and William H. Stoake receivers in bankruptcy of C. R. Baird & Co., operating a number of iron furnaces. Counsel for creditors representing about $160,000 of claims, stated that the business would probably be reorganized. The entire liabilities are nearly $1,500,000.

The concerns controlled by Baird are the Elmira Steel Co., Elmira, N. Y.; Cumberland nail and iron works, Bridgeton, N. J.; Fullerton rolling mills, Ferndale, Pa., Catasaqua rolling mill, Catasaqua, Pa.; Chickles Iron Co., Philadelphia; Danville rolling mill, Danville, Pa.; Roanoke rolling mill, Roanoke, Va., and blast furnaces at Emporium, Pa., Roanoke and Iron Gate, Va.

The failure is attributed to the heavy decline in the prices of iron during the last year and occasioned no surprise in the trade. Mr. Baird issued a circular announcing a plan of reorganization, and stating that if the properties and assets are not brought to a forced sale, the company will, he believes, be able to pay its debts in full with interest.

Will He Come to Chicago?

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Thirty-six persons from various parts of the Union who allege that the second coming of Christ is at hand are in convention here watching, worshipping and praying that they may be in readiness to receive the robes of immortality. They are to remain in session until January 3.

Wholesale Arrests of Students.

London, Dec. 27.—Three hundred students have been arrested at St. Petersburg, according to a dispatch to the Daily Express, for propagating socialist doctrine.

Cannot Get Enough.

A letter received from Mrs. L. S. Magoon of Bagley, Iowa, reads as follows: "One bottle of your Lotion has given me so much relief from Tetter of many years' standing, that I am anxious to get more, and desire to know where in this region I can find it." Palmer's Lotion cures Tetter, Eczema, Barber's Itch and every kind of virulent cutaneous disease. Palmer's Lotion Soap possesses all the medicinal properties of Palmer's Lotion and in all cases should be used in connection with it in preference to any other soap. If your druggist does not keep it send to Solon Palmer, 374 Pearl Street, New York, for samples of Palmer's Lotion and Lotion Soap.

Her Pointed View.

Chappie (blase)—Don't you think society is an empty thing?

Miss Fuller—I think there are lots of empty things in society.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Too Refined.

"No," said Farmer Meddergrass, "that Boston feller that come here to run the paper doesn't seem to get along very well. Our folks ain't much for style, an' when he referred to a skin game as 'an epidermal pastime' they thought he was becomin' a little too highfalutin'."—Baltimore American.

Fair Helen—"I hear you have a secret." Fair Grace—"Well, I did have one, but it wouldn't keep."—Syracuse Herald.

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Few men nowadays know how to lend money so that a gentleman can borrow from them without losing his self-respect.—Puck.

The true use of speech is not so much to express our wants as to conceal them.—Goldsmith.

Carter's Ink has a good deep color and it does not strain the eyes. Carter's doesn't fade.

Better skin a carcass for pay in the public streets than be idly dependent on charity.—Talmud.

Concerning two things advise no one; marrying and going to wars.—Spanish.

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OUR FOREIGN LETTER

Dealing with Commercial and Industrial Conditions Abroad.

The Agrarian Party in Germany Would Increase the Duty on Imported Wheat—French Wool Industry and Other Items.

Proposed German Duty on Wheat.

The agrarian party, after having succeeded during the last session of the reichstag in enacting a law prohibiting, in effect, the importation of American corned beef and canned meats and sausages, is now using its powerful political influence to bring about the enactment of a law that will vastly increase the import duties on all grains entering the German empire, notably on wheat.

In this connection, it may be of interest to note the following table, showing the duties imposed by various nations on the two leading grains for breadstuffs:

Country.	Duty per bushel. Wheat. Cents.	Rye. Cents.
Portugal	58.3	46.6
Sweden	27	27
Argentine Republic	...	25.1
Italy	39.1	39.5
Spain	55	33
Germany	22.6	22.6
Hungary	19.2	19.4
France	36.7	15.7
Greece	16.8	12.3
United States	25	10
Canada	21.4	10
Turkey	7.5	5

At present, the chief countries dependent on others for a large part of their wheat supplies are Germany, France, England, Austria, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and Belgium. The leading wheat-exporting countries are Russia, Hungary, East Indies, Balkan States, United States, Canada, Argentine Republic and Australia.

The aim of the agrarians is to make Germany entirely independent of all countries for its breadstuffs and food supplies. However, it is impossible to understand how a duty of, say, 44 cents on every bushel of imported wheat, as is now proposed to the reichstag, can increase the crops of wheat and other cereals in this country or decrease the appetite of its people. Farming, diversified and intensified, is done in Germany upon more improved and scientific methods than probably anywhere else in the world. Though the Germans use less machinery in garnering and removing their crops than we do, they apply more chemistry in the treatment of their soil, and use almost every inch of ground available for agricultural purposes. More commercial fertilizers are imported into Germany and manufactured there, and more attention is paid to "soil inoculation" in order to increase fertility, than in any other country. And yet, with all that science and money and toil can do in raising grain, Germany is obliged to import from other countries about one-eighth of her breadstuffs. One-eighth is a rather small fraction and does not look at all formidable, but when it is borne in mind that in 1899 Germany had to import 50,371,436 bushels of wheat, for which she paid $42,935,200, and 22,097,178 bushels of rye, which cost her $15,446,200, the question at once assumes gigantic proportions. For the two items of wheat and rye, the nation paid to other nations the handsome sum of $58,381,400, and this vast sum of money the agrarians claim will be retained in Germany if a higher duty be imposed on wheat and other grains.

It is proposed to add to the acreage of Germany by putting under cultivation all the barren, waste places now occupied by moors and heaths and swamps. It is claimed that ample protection will bring better prices for home-grown wheat, which will encourage the German farmer to grow less sugar beet and more grain. But even should Germany be as successful in increasing her production of wheat and rye as the most sanguine agrarians expect, it would be impossible for any length of time to supply the home consumption. With the natural increase of the population of Germany, the demand for and the consumption of breadstuffs are continually growing. Each year brings to the country, on the average, 666,000 fresh mouths clamoring for food. So, after all, it is difficult to see how the proposed national legislation can have any other effect, in the long run, than to enhance the price of the daily bread so needful to every man, woman and child.

There seems to be little doubt that the proposed law will be passed by the German reichstag. This will seriously affect the interests of the American farmer, for a large part of the importation of wheat is American grown. A duty of 40 to 50 cents on every bushel of wheat cannot fail to be well-nigh prohibitive, and the consequence will be more limited markets, fiercer competition, and lower prices to the producers.

French Wool Industry.

The supply of washed wool for the French industry was 194,004,800 pounds in 1890. This figure has varied somewhat in the last ten years, being 231,483,000 pounds in 1893, 240,301,400 pounds in 1896, and only 227,755,021 pounds in 1898.

France makes a specialty of combing and possesses a number of large establishments, particularly in the department of the north. She exports a large quantity of combed wool, and the export is constantly increasing, rising from 17,118,719 pounds in 1890 to 42,024,085 pounds in 1898. Her best customers are Russia, Germany, Belgium and Spain. The home consumption has decreased somewhat, on account of the removal to other countries of several spinning establishments, which, however, still buy their combed wool in the French market.

French mills produced 150,333,878 pounds of wool in 1898, valued at about $96,500,000. Eleven million five hundred and eight thousand nine hundred and twelve pounds of this production—viz., one-sixth of the amount—was exported.

There were imported 4,262,594 pounds of woolen yarns and 1,686,519 pounds of hair yarns; also 44,092,000 pounds of shoddy and mixed yarns—making about 188,934,220 pounds of yarns for the use of French weaving establishments. These establishments make many and varied goods.

The principal centers of cloth manufacture are Roubaix-Tourcoing, Sedan, Elbeuf, Rheims, Vienne, Mazamet and Chateauroux. Comoed wool cloth and cheviots are principally made in the department of the north. According to the customs statistics, the cloth productions in France amounted in 1897 to 439,758,000.

Roubaix and Tourcoing manufacture armure goods, jacquards, satin de chine, and a great quantity of novelties.

The following is a table taken from the census of 1896, stating the number of workmen employed in the different branches of the woolen industry, with the percentage furnished by the department of the north:

Description.	Persons employed.	Proportion in North. Per cent.
Wool combing	11,500	87
Combed and carded wool spinning	36,500	51
Wool opening and tearing	700	34
Wool cloth and novelties	37,000	99
Mousseline de laine, cotton or silk	3,700	14
Wool weaving, merinos, flannels	49,000	47
Cashmeres, shawls, etc.	1,100	16
Woolen velvets	2,600	12
Wool blankets and cotton flannel	5,500	24

These figures will give an idea of the rank which the department of the north holds in the French woolen industries.

At the exposition of 1900 there were inscribed in the catalogue 132 wool exhibitors of French origin, 32 from Algeria, 4 from Indo China, 1 from the Sudan, 33 from Tunis, 9 from Germany, 26 from Austria, 7 from Belgium, 12 from Bulgaria, 1 from Corea, 10 from Ecuador, 52 from Spain, 17 from the United States, 32 from Great Britain, 9 from Greece, 13 from Hungary, 1 from Croatia, 13 from Italy, 3 from Japan, 25 from Mexico, 1 from Nicaragua, 4 from Peru, 44 from Portugal, 21 from Roumania, 50 from Russia, 5 from Servia, and 1 from Switzerland.

Medical Degrees in Germany.

But a short time ago a new set of rules went into effect regulating the issuing of medical degrees in Germany. The following is a translation of the new rules:

The degree of doctor of medicine can be conferred only after a thesis has been published and a verbal examination undergone. A "promotio in absentia" will not be allowed under any circumstances. By his thesis, the candidate must prove that he is able to work independently on scientific lines. The thesis must usually be written in German, though the use of another language may be allowed by the faculty. A biography of the candidate must be appended. The verbal examination consists either of a simple questioning or of an "examen rigorosum." German subjects cannot receive the degree before having obtained permission from the government to practice as a physician within the empire.

By a unanimous vote of the faculty and with the permission of the supervising board, deviations from this rule may be granted in particular cases, in which the candidate cannot, for weighty reasons, be expected to comply with them. Foreigners who have received the government permission to practice medicine within the German empire are subject to the same regulations regarding their promotion to the degree of doctor of medicine as those laid down for German subjects. Foreigners who do not possess the permit for the German empire and who wish to be promoted should lay before the faculty proofs of the following facts:

(1) That they have had the schooling required in their own country for passing the examination and receiving the degree; if in their own country fixed rules with regard to this matter do not exist, they will have to show certificates from home in which proof is given that their schooling is equal to that required for obtaining the matriculation certificate at a German "realgymnasium."

(2) That they have passed through—

(a) Studies before a regularly organized medical faculty for as many semesters as are required in Germany for admittance to the regular medical examinations.

(b) That at least one of those semesters has been spent at the German university at which they wish to receive their degree.

This latter rule may be suspended if the candidate be well known to the faculty. The printed thesis, which must be produced before obtaining permission to appear for the degree examination, may, at the faculty's discretion, be replaced by a scientific work of the candidate which has already been printed and published.

Guests Unify a Family.

Among influences that mold and refine the young persons of the household is the entertaining of welcome guests. Those accustomed to the presence of visitors usually have more pleasing manners, are more at their ease and are consequently more graceful and tactful than those who have not this advantage. Entertaining visitors unifies a family, all being pledged to the same end—the gratification of the guest.—Ladies' Home Journal.

A MUCH-WANTED MAN.

Police of Many Cities Are Searching for Pat Crowe, the Alleged Kidnapper of Young Cudahy.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Disguised as a woman, Pat Crowe, who is being sought by the police all over the United States on the charge of kidnapping Eddie Cudahy at Omaha, has been seen in Chicago within the last few days and may still be hiding here, according to statements made last night by Detective James Storen, a Chicago police officer who has arrested Crowe a number of times in the past. With a view to discovering the fugitive's hiding place a search of several houses in Sixty-third street has been made by Storen, acting on information that Crowe had been recognized on that street Christmas day. In pursuing his quest the sergeant stumbled upon evidence which he says convinced him that Crowe has been in Chicago recently and that, in the guise of a woman, clothed in a black robe and heavily veiled, the suspect went abroad in the streets of Englewood, the suburb where he once was a resident and is well known to many people.

Storen claims to have traced Crowe to a room where he was masquerading as a young widow in mourning, but that Crowe received warning from his friends that the police were on his trail and got away before a capture could be effected.

"I found ample evidence in the room that its occupant was none other than Crowe," said Sergeant Storen last night. "Whether he is now in Chicago I cannot say. In Englewood, however, he has influential friends who in all probability have found him a hiding place."

Boston, Dec. 28.—The Boston police have evidence to indicate that "Pat Crowe" and the other man who is wanted on a charge of kidnapping young Cudahy, are on the Warren liner Michigan, bound for Liverpool, and a cable containing that information has been sent to the Scotland Yard detectives, who will be on the Liverpool docks when the steamer arrives.

Just before the Michigan sailed last Saturday two men who acted so suspiciously as to attract attention and who answered to the descriptions of Crowe and the other supposed kidnapper, boarded the steamer with a large amount of baggage.

A Nantasket beach watchman has reported to the police that he saw at the beach a big stranger, dressed like a western cattleman and carrying a big old carpet bag. He asked for a boatman to row him out to an outgoing vessel and said he would pay almost any price for the service, for he was anxious to board some vessel going to a foreign port. He answered the description in every detail of Pat Crowe as it has been sent out by the Omaha police. The watchman went to notify the police and when he returned the man was gone.

Omaha, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the World-Herald from St. Joseph says that Patrolman Carson saw Pat Crowe enter a South St. Joseph saloon yesterday. He says he is sure of the man, as he knows him well.

HE REFUSES TO STEP OUT.

The English War Office Demands the Resignation of Gen. Colville.

London, Dec. 28.—The war office has begun the promised reform of the army in a sensational manner. It has demanded the resignation of Maj. Gen. Sir Henry Colville, commanding an infantry brigade at Gibraltar and recently commanding the Ninth division of the South Africa field force. Gen. Colville refuses to resign, and is now on his way to England. The news is all the more startling as the question of Gen. Colville's responsibility for the yeomanry disaster at Lindlay last May was investigated by the authorities when Gen. Colville returned from South Africa last summer. After the inquiry Gen. Colville was reinstated in his command at Gibraltar in September last.

The attitude of the war office indicates that a new regime in Pall Mall will reverse the decisions of Lord Lansdowne and Lord Wolseley in regard to some of the recent commanders in South Africa. Gen. Colville, like Gen. Methuen, has always been a great social personage in London.

DOZENS DROWNED.

A Report that Between 40 and 50 Children Lost Their Lives While Skating.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 28.—A telephone message from Washington, Ia., says that 51 school children were skating on the river near Foster, Ia., when the ice gave way and 49 were drowned.

A telephone message from the What Cheer telephone operator, at midnight, to the operator in Des Moines, said that 40 school children had been drowned. Immediately thereafter it became impossible to reach What Cheer by telephone, the operator evidently having gone home.

Telephone messages by way of Oskaloosa and Ottumwa say the report of the drowning of 49 school children at What Cheer is true. The children were skating on a pond near the fair ground, and the accident occurred about 9 o'clock last evening.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 28.—A telephone message to the Hawkeye from Washington, Ia., says 49 school children, while skating on the river at Foster, Ia., near What Cheer, on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, were drowned.

Organizing for a Struggle.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The vast industrial forces of Germany are organizing for a tremendous struggle with the agrarian and commercial interests, according to a report to the state department from Consul Schumann at Mainz. He says that the manufacturing interests of Germany will demand the passage of a protective tariff during the present session of the reichstag. The imperial government apparently is in sympathy with the movement and while the efforts so far have failed they are not to be abandoned.

AMERICA'S CROPS.

Official Figures as to the Production of Foodstuffs in This Country During the Year 1900.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The statistician of the department of agriculture estimates the United States wheat crop of 1900 at 522,229,505 bushels, the area actually harvested being 42,495,385 acres and the average yield per acre 12.29 bushels. The production of winter wheat is estimated at 350,025,409 bushels and that of spring wheat at 172,204,096 bushels, the area actually harvested being 26,235,897 acres in the former case and 16,259,488 acres in the latter. The winter wheat acreage totally abandoned in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois is placed at 3,522,787 acres and the spring wheat acreage totally abandoned in North Dakota and South Dakota at 1,793,467 acres.

The rapid rate at which the winter wheat acreage of Nebraska is gaining upon the spring wheat acreage of that state has necessitated a special investigation of the relative extent to which the two varieties were grown during the past year. The result of the investigation is that while no change is called for in the total wheat figures of the state, 590,575 acres have been added to the winter wheat column at the expense of the spring variety.

The newly seeded area of winter wheat is estimated at 30,282,564 acres. While this acreage is lightly greater than that sown in the fall of 1899, as estimated at the time, it is 600,654 acres less than the area that was actually sown, the discrepancy being due to the remarkably rapid development of winter wheat growing in Nebraska, with which, as above stated, the department's reports failed to keep pace.

The production of corn in 1900 is estimated at 2,105,102,516 bushels; oats 809,125,989 bushels, barley 58,925,833, rye 23,995,927, buckwheat 9,566,966, potatoes 210,926,897 and hay 50,110,506 tons.

The corn crop of 1900 was one of the four largest ever gathered, while the oats crop has only once been exceeded. On the other hand the barley and rye crops are the smallest, with one exception in each case, since 1887. The buckwheat crop is the smallest since 1883 and the hay crop the smallest with one exception since 1888.

A REVOLT IN JAIL.

Female Prisoners Attack the Matron and the Warden.

New York, Dec. 28.—Twenty female prisoners in the Raymond street jail, Brooklyn, rioted yesterday and fiercely assaulted Matron Frances Hanley and Warden McGrath. There was no attempt to escape. The riot was the consequence of nothing but ill-feeling. Miss Hanley was transferring the prisoners from one corridor to another in the women's section when she was attacked by Nellie Joseph, a powerfully built woman, who had been sentenced to 15 days for intoxication. Miss Hanley was felled. Nineteen other prisoners then assaulted her. While the blows rained thick upon her head and body she managed to reach a push button that rang a bell in the warden's office.

Warden McGrath rushed to the women's department without waiting to call for assistance. As he entered the corridor he diverted the attention of the women and they jumped on him. The blows were fast and furious and McGrath went to the floor. Hatpins were brought into play and his face, head and neck were gouged.

Miss Hanley made her way through the crowd and again rang the alarm. The sheriff, under sheriff and five deputies replied. They had much trouble in subduing the women, but finally succeeded, and two of them were placed in straight jackets.

IS SAID TO BE A MORAL TOWN.

Chicago's Mayor and Police Officials Don't Know that Vice Exists in that City.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Mayor Harrison, Chief of Police Kipley, and other officials were put on the rack by the grand jury yesterday. From first to last they pleaded innocence of any knowledge of vice or crime in Chicago. They did not know, of "their own personal knowledge, that basement dives and saloons have been open after midnight and frequently all night. "I'm always in bed at midnight," was the answer of Police Inspector Kalas, "and I don't know of any place open after that hour."

Others entered similar pleas. They did not know of any gambling, nor did they know of no tribute money being paid by dive keepers to secure immunity from police interference.

Mayor Harrison declared that there had been no prize fights in Chicago. Every fistic battle had been a "sparring exhibition."

To Aid the Coal Trust.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Times prints the following: The North American Co., which has been one of the conspicuous financiering companies of Wall street, has passed into the control of J. P. Morgan, and is to be used by him to further the great coal deal known to the street as the "coal trust." The plan is to make the North American Co. the joint selling agent, which will take over, or to which will be consigned, the entire output of all the coal properties controled by the trust.

Miners Strike.

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—Six hundred miners of the Bakerton Coal Co., near Barnesborough, on the Pennsylvania road, are on strike. The strike arises from the introduction of mining machines, and five mines of the company have been forced to suspend operations.

Germany's Naval Progress.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—The Berliner Post, summarizing Germany's naval progress this year, says that seven vessels have been launched, including two battleships, one large cruiser and four small cruisers.

A BANK IN TROUBLE.

A Baltimore Institution Is Placed in the Hands of Receivers.

Baltimore, Dec. 27.—Roger T. Gill, of the law firm of Rufus Gill & Sons, was on Wednesday appointed receiver for the Old Town bank by Judge Stockbridge. The appointment was made with the consent of the president and officers of the bank. Mr. Gill bonded in the sum of $1,500,000, the assets of the institution being valued at half that amount.

George Schilling, a stockholder and depositor, and Robert L. Gill, a depositor, were the complainants. In their statement to the court, they say:

"While the bank, until a recent period, has done a profitable business, it has recently incurred heavy losses by the bad faith of its cashier, Theodore F. Wilcox, in that, without authority, he wrongfully, without the knowledge of its president or board of directors, permitted Isaac Robinson and the United Milk Producers' association to draw from the bank large sums of money and incurred losses thereby which the bank is unable to bear.

"Rumors affecting the financial condition of the bank are in circulation, in consequence of which large sums of money have been withdrawn by depositors and it is a question of but a short time when the bank will be compelled to close its doors. The bank is unable to pay its liabilities in the usual course of business and unless a receiver is appointed it will result in a struggle to keep the doors of the bank open, and depositors will suffer loss."

The answer, filed by President E. G. Shipley, is as follows:

"The bank admits that, by reason of the facts stated in the bill of complaint, it is no longer able to meet its current obligations, and believing that it ought not to further undertake to continue to do business, but that its assets should be held for the mutual benefit of all persons interested, it consents to the appointment of a receiver or receivers, as prayed."

Both firms mentioned in the bill of complaint are in receivers' hands.

ABDUCTED HER CHILD.

Grandson of ex-Attorney General Miller Is Kidnapped by His Mother.

Indianapolis, Dec. 27.—A sensational kidnapping, involving the family of ex-United States Attorney General William H. H. Miller, occurred Wednesday and led to a hot chase across the state to overtake the wife of Samuel D. Miller, son of W. H. H. Miller, who was supposed to be flying to New York with her stolen son.

Samuel D. Miller and wife have lived in New York for years and last summer he came west to go into his father's office. His wife stayed in New York. Last Friday she came here to demand possession of her 7-year-old son, whom the father had brought west with him and who was living with him at the grandfather's house. The husband and wife had a consultation at the wife's apartments in the Denison and she agreed that if the boy was allowed to be sent to her daily with the nurse she would not attempt to kidnap him.

Wednesday afternoon the boy and nurse called on Mrs. Miller at the Denison. She sent the nurse out to get a check cashed and while the governess was gone ordered a carriage and made arrangements to leave. When the governess returned Mrs. Miller announced they were going for a drive. They started in a closed carriage toward the depot. The governess, suspecting foul play, jumped out of the carriage while it was on a run, ran to a telephone and notified the father and grandfather.

Mrs. Miller immediately ordered the carriage driven to Brightwood and when the two Millers arrived at the Union station there was no trace of the woman and boy.

Indianapolis, Dec. 28.—Sidney Miller, the son of Samuel D. Miller and grandson of ex-Attorney General W. H. H. Miller, who was kidnapped by his mother Wednesday evening, was recovered yesterday by his father. Mrs. Miller and the child were found at Lawrence, six miles east of this city, asleep in the home of a man named Marshall, where they had obtained lodging for the night.

HAS A FIRM GRIP.

Leprosy's Victims in the Philippines Number 30,000.

Washington, Dec. 27.—An appended report to Gen. MacArthur's review of the civil affairs of the Philippines for the past fiscal year gives some startling facts regarding the introduction and prevalence of leprosy in the islands.

According to the estimates of the Franciscan fathers, says Major Guy L. Edie, the writer of the report, there are 30,000 lepers in the archipelago, the major portion of these being in the Viscayas. Leprosy was introduced in 1633, when the emperor of Japan sent a ship with 150 lepers on board to the Philippines as a present to be cared for by the Catholic priests. Thus the seed was planted, and as no practical methods ever were adopted to eradicate the disease, or prevent its spread, it has taken firm root.

A house to house inspection begun last January found more than 100 lepers concealed in dwellings. These were sent to San Lazaro hospital in Manila, but many others escaped into the surrounding country. A committee will select a suitable island or islands for the purpose of isolating all the lepers in the archipelago.

Decided Against Kipling.

New York, Dec. 27.—Judge Lacombe in the circuit court yesterday denied the motion made by Rudyard Kipling's atorneys to restrain R. F. Freno from publishing and selling editions of his works on which an elephant's head was used. Judge Lacombe said that Mr. Kipling had not established a common law trademark.

Prices to be Advanced.

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 27.—The independent glass combine, recently organized, will on January 1 advance the price on all window glass 15 per cent.

AN EFFECTIVE TIE-UP.

Strike of Street Railway Employes at Scranton, Pa., Paralyzes the Road's Business—Superintendent Is Assaulted.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 24.—Every one of the 300 car and barn employes of the Scranton Railway Co. obeyed the strike order which went into effect at 5 o'clock Sunday morning and as a consequence only two cars were run in all of the Lackawanna valley yesterday. These two cars were manned by Superintendent Patterson and dispatchers, foremen and clerks. No attempt was made to molest them, and although rain fell a greater part of the day the two cars seldom had a passenger.

The tied-up region extends from Pittston to Forest City, a distance of 30 miles, and includes 65 miles of tracks, on which are run ordinarily 80 cars. The men of the Wyoming Valley Traction Co., operating all the lines south of Pittston as far as Nanticoke, threaten to go on strike Thursday. With both companies tied up there would be a total cessation of street car traffic in a busy stretch of country, 80 miles north, including the cities of Scranton, Wilkesbarre, Pittston and Carbondale.

The men demand 20 cents an hour for old employes and from 15 to 17½ cents for new men. At present the new men receive an average of 15 8-10 cents an hour and after four years' service this is raised to 17¾ cents. They also demand a ten-hour day instead of 12 as at present.

The company in its answer to the grievance committee's demands says it is not in a position to give an advance at present.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 28.—The first blow struck in the street car men's strike was received last evening by William Patterson, the new superintendent of the Scranton Railway Co.

Teamsters blocked the car he was running and breaker boys and street urchins assaulted it with potatoes, stolen from an adjacent freight car. When the trolley car reached strike headquarters the strikers boarded it and attempted to take off the crew. Some one pulled Patterson from the car and he was dealt a blow on the head, with a fist or club, that knocked off his hat and caused him to reel.

Two strikers, Edward and Joseph Pentley, brothers, rushed the superintendent into a saloon, protecting him from the crowd with great difficulty and then barring the entrance to give the superintendent time to escape by the rear door.

The other strikers helped three police officers disperse the crowd and also helped the company's officials take the stalled car to the barn.

Eleven cars were moved Thursday, but not more than six at one time. As far as is known not a single passenger was carried. Some strangers who boarded a car at Lackawanna avenue were induced to get off and accepted a free ride in one of the busses which the strikers maintain for just such a purpose.

Provisions for the imported men have arrived from Philadelphia. The local business men refuse to sell the company any supplies. The letter carriers have hired busses at their own expense and will not ride on the cars hereafter.

SHOT TO DEATH.

Frank H. Morris, Auditor of the War Department, Is Murdered.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Frank H. Morris, of Cleveland, auditor of the war department, was shot and instantly killed Saturday afternoon by Samuel MacDonald, also of Ohio, recently a disbursing clerk of the treasur, in the former's office at the Winder building.

Auditor Morris was closeted with MacDonald when the shooting occurred and in trying to make his escape, he also assaulted the watchman, Thomas Cusick, with the butt of his revolver. He was arrested while leaving the building. Before being taken into custody, however, he shot himself in the stomach and also made an ugly gash in his throat with a small knife.

Frank H. Morris was 49 years of age and leaves a widow and two sons. He entered the government service at the beginning of the present administration as auditor for the navy department. During the first two years he made an exceptionally good record for efficiency, bringing the delayed work up to date and putting the office in a better shape than ever before. A year and more ago Morris was made auditor for the war department.

MacDonald is unmarried, 58 years of age, and has been in the government service since soon after the civil war.

MacDonald was in a precarious condition at the Emergency hospital last night and his death is expected momentarily. MacDonald has been entirely conscious since his removal to the hospital. He has constantly reiterated the hope that he would die.

Dan A. Grosvenor, deputy auditor for the war department and the next in line of rank to the late Mr. Morris, was discharged on Saturday. Mr. Grosvenor received his discharge papers half an hour after the killing of Mr. Morris. They were conveyed to him from the office of Secretary Gage, the discharge taking effect at once. W. W. Brown, auditor for the navy department and the predecessor of Mr. Morris, has been reinstated in his old position as auditor for the war department.

A Stubborn Fire Checked.

Tamaqua, Pa., Dec. 24.—The officials of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co. are jubilant over the fact that the fire in the burning mine at Summit Hill, which started 42 years ago, is now under control, and it is said that the next two years will see its extinguishment. The fire consumed about 35 acres of the finest coal land in the anthracite coal region. Two immense drilling machines have honeycombed the earth west of the burning portion. Culm is being poured into these holes and a solid mass will confront the fire.

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EDITORIAL MENTION.

Have you made your new century resolutions.

We wonder if Mr. Bryan wil put Aguinaldo on the free list of his new paper.

The New York Sun has denounced Webster Davis as a lighting lipped launcher. This is too, too much.

Suppose Yale and Vassar had a mach debate which would win? Why, if is were a match it would probably and in a tie, of course.

What the dickens are hopples? The racingmen tell us they must go. Why not inform us what they are and let us decide for ourselves.

Some doctors have been contending that six day bicycle races impair the mental faculties of the contestants. This is not possible, however.

The Government reports show that the Christmas mails were heavier than ever before in the history of the country. Prosperity is certainly here to stay.

Lots of people have been talking of Yuletide, not realizing that it literally means the yelling time—the time when our ancesters "made Rome howl," as it were.

Of course it is hard for some states to have their representations in Congress reduced because they have not grown as fast as others have. But unless this is done, it is only a question of time until the House becomes so large that it will overflow the Capitol.

After all, can the residents of Sing Sing get rid of the prison smell by changing the name of their town to Ossining? Would not the new name soon become as suggestive of prison as the old one? Would not the scent of the jail bird hang around it still?

A 'possum farm has been started in Pennsylvania, where it will probably be safe from depredators. If it were south of the Mason and Dixons line, its stock would be more precarious than even that of the average henroost in regions where the colored brother abounds.

It is easy to blame Mr. Cudahy for yielding to the threats of the kidnappers and paying up so easily. But what father would do otherwise if he were able to pay. The robbers had "the drop" on him and all that he could do was to pay up and then watch his chance and get even.

There heve been a good many lynchings in the north this last year, but they have generally differred from those in the south in the fact that they were punished. At Akron, Ohio, for instance, twenty-one men have already been sentenced to imprisonment for their share in the mob their and other indictments remain to be tried.

American Institute Farmer's Club

Report the Wines of Alfred Speer, of Passaic, New Jersey, the most reliable, and his Oporto Grape Wine as superior to any in the world. 42-eow-8w

School Report.

Enrolled, 584. Average attendance, 463. Per cent. of attendance 86.

Following is the honor roll for the month:

West Ward, LILLIAN HEILMAN, teacher.

Males—Harold Robinson, Chas. Slocum, Clark Metzger, Clyde Swartz, Boyd Fetter, Elias Pealer.
Females—Belle Fountain, Gertrude Pepperman, Margaret Strich, Flora Gross, Myrtle Sassman.

HONOR ROLL.

Francis Robinson, Harvy Hogan, Leo Hout, Gorden McAuley, Geo. Rishell, Frank Bailey, Clyde Fetter, Jay Gross, John McAuley, Carl Carlyson, Annie Kelley, Katie Kelley, Lizzie Zwald, Katie Murry. Rosa Richie, teacher.

A Primary, ANNIE CARTER, Teacher.

Esther Nystrom, Maggie Kelley, Icie Pealer, Clyde Thomas, Fred Nangle, Harold Jewel, Charley Foster, Harry Shearer.

A. Primary, W. Ward, MAYME CLEARY, Teacher.

Claude Campbel, John Ellis, Mary Bailey, Mamie Farrell, Etta Fetter, Joe Kaye, Carl Lingle, Harold Gross, Louisa Welsh, Leon Walker, Howard Pepperman, Gordon Vogt, Willie Yeutzer, Emma Thiboult.

B Intermediate, CORA BARKER, Teacher.

Howell Burnell, John Welsh, Mildred Haupt, Evard Klock, Earl McDougall, Frank McCaslin, Leo Nangle, Fred Lind, Florence Cleary.

B Intermediate, W.W. NETTIE MORE, Teacher.

Names of pupils missing no time during month: Mildred Green, Jennie Robinson, Elsie Morrison, Kate Metzger, Annie Edwards, Ethel Lloyd, Florence Cleary, Lee Lwartz, Ralph Hout, David Mulcahey, Burton Edwards, Clair Craven, Sylvester Richie, Perry Harbot, John Robinson.

A Intermediate, B. H. OLMSTED, Teacher.

Honor Roll—Maud Rendt, Stasia Lawler, Mary Welsh, Bessie Shearer, Anna Hennesy, Floyd Fawcett.

Honor Roll—Grammar.

Christine McDonald, Myrtle Lloyd, Anna Schweikart, James McInnes, Charles Mulliner, Henrp Metzger, William Gantz, Annie Welsh, Sadie Edwards, Della Bingeman, Rubie Hanes, Jennie Nystrom, Elizabeth Lechner Luiu Shnyder.

High School—Joel Jordan, Fred Lloyd, Caroline McQuay, Alice Montgomery, Iva Leet, Grace Metzger, Frances Blumle.

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Pepsin preparations often fail to relieve indigestion because they can digest only albuminous foods. There is one preparation that digests all classes of food, and that is Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It cures the worst cases of indigestion and gives instant relief, for it digests what you eat. R. C. Dodson. 8ly

An egg is best when fresh, but it's different with an office boy.

Persons who suffer from indigestion can not expect to live long, because they cannot eat the food required to nourish the body and the products of the undigested foods they do eat poison the blood. It is important to cure indigestion as soon as possible, and the best method of doing this is to use the preparation known as Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It digests what you eat and restores all digestive organs to perfect health. R. C. Dodson. 8ly

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NO. 3255.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

—OF THE—

First National Bank

at Emporium, in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of business, December 13, 1900.

Resources.

Loans and discounts		$165,942 73
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		418 22
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		25,000 00
U. S. Bonds on hand		500 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		542 50
Stocks, Securities, etc.		1,850 71
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures.		6,726 00
Due from State Banks and Bankers		35 52
Due from approved reserve agents,		99,381 43
Internal-Revenue Stamps,		118 00
Checks and other cash items		35 00
Notes of other National Banks		1,200 00
Fractional paper, currency, nickels and cents		113 23
Specie	$12,570 30	
Legal-tender notes	4,300 00	16,870 30
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)		1,250 00
TOTAL		$319,983 64

Liabilities.

Capital stock paid in		$50,000 00
Surplus fund		37,500 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		3,144 60
National Bank Notes outstanding		25,000 00
Due to other National Banks		4,546 90
Individual deposits subject to check,		197,790 88
Cashier's checks outstanding		2,001 26
TOTAL		$319,983 64

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, } ss:
County of Cameron, }

I, T. B. Lloyd, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

T. B. LLOYD, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of Dec. 1900.

M. M. LARRABEE, J. P.

CORRECT—Attest:

GEO. A. WALKER,
B. W. GREEN,
N. SEGER, } *Directors.*

COURT PROCLAMATION.—WHEREAS:—The Hon. CHAS. A. MAYER President Judge and the Hons. JOHN MCDONALD and J.C. BONHAM, Associate Judges of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court and Court of Common Pleas for the county of Cameron have issued her precept bearing date the 29th day of October A. D., 1900, and to me directed for holding Court of Oyer and Terminer, General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court, and Court of Common Pleas, in the Borough of Emporium, Pa., on Monday, the 21st day of Januury, 1901, at 2 o'clock, p. m., and to continue one week.

Notice is hereby given to the Coroners, Justices of the Peace and Constables within the county, that they be then and there in their propet persons, at 2 o'clock, p. m., of said day, with their rolls, records, inquisitions, examinations, and other rememberances, to do those things which to their offices appertain to be done. And those who are bound by their recognizance to prosecute against them as will be just.

Dated at Emporium, Pa., December 26, 1900, and in the 124th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

J. D. SWOPE, Sheriff.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS.

THE annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Emporium & Rich Valley R. R. Company, will be held at the law offices of Green & Shaffer, on Tuesday, Jan. 15th, 1901, at one o'clock, p. m., for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before them,

J. W. KAYE, Sec'y.

Emporium, Pa., Dec. 26th, 1900.

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Clear Creek Letter.

Editor Press:—

Congratulate us. At last we have been christened. It has grieved us sore, that our Rich Valley correspondent has never given us mention in his weekly reports. As one of Rich Valley tributaries we felt entitled to a representation. Have been notified of our mistake, we are "Clear Creekers." Now we have no objection to the cognomen, and shall try and show our record as clear as our title.

"We shall not need a commission to investigate our social status. Like Topsy we will fuss. We have our little peccadilloes. For instance, when they persisted in calling our handsome turkey gobbler, Bryan, we protested. He was no lost cause. His only resemblance to the silver tonged orator, was his desire to boss the roost.

Alas, our Bonny Bird fell victim to Thanksgiving gormandizing. We were rather non pleased when reminded, bleak November had been death to all Bryanites. But as we plucked his glossy plumage from his golden flesh, we got in the woman's last word by the old adage—silence is golden, he will never gobble more. When you can assure me Bryanism will follow suit we will write his epitaph to J. B. The feud ended.

All pleasantry aside, we have been solicited to write Clear Creek items for the PRESS.

Very well, friends, with our good editor's permision, we will represent you now and then. Hope our record will show up mighty in deeds, though few in numbers.

We shall not remind you of past follies, further than to say, hope the political waters of our Clear Creek will be found sparklingly clear the coming year. They were decidedly muddy or at least ring-steaked and speckled in the last campaign. We are no politician, further than this, we honor a democrat when he honors his party; we honor and admire a Republican when he sticks to his party, but have no use for the straddle the fence man whose vote is worth just the dime he can get for it. Now let us clear away the cobwebs and be what our name implies—clear, transparent, politically, socially and otherwise. No better time than now for good resolves, just as we are entering upon a new year, the beginning of another century.

M. W.

Sinnamahoning.

Editor Press:—

George Gore, Jr., and Alma Smith were married on Christmas.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arch DeShetler, on Dec. 20th, a daughter. Grandpa DeS. is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

Barclay Bros'. mill will shut down about Feb. 1st, to be repaired and put in condition for a big run next season.

On Dec. 24th, Harry Barley, a young man employed in the wood mill at this place, died of pneumonia, at the home of Mrs. Welton with whom he boarded. Harry was a steady and industrious boy, and had been with the Empire Wood Company ever since it started. The remains were taken to his home in Williamsport.

Mrs. Henry Snyder died at her home in this place on Dec. 26th, aged 72 years. She had been in feebie health for some time, and while her death was not wholly unexpected, it came as a shock to her family, as well as her friends and neighbors by whom she was held in the highest esteem.

Christmas was a very quiet day here this year, and really seemed that something was wrong, with no shooting match and no one drunk. The old citizens must have felt very lonesome and homesick, but it is very gratifying to note that the closing of the century witnessed the observance of one Christmas day in a manner becoming a civilized people.

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LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Contributions invited. That which you would like to see in this department, let us know by post a card, or letter, personally.

O. B. Tanner, of Mason, Hill, was in town on Monday.

Chas. Fry, of Port Allegany, was in town one day last. He is looking fine.

Fred Johnson is home from Swathmore to spend a week with his father.

Miss Mary Shropp, of Lebanon, was guest of Miss Alice Montgomery last week.

Miss Lizzie Ludlam, of Olean, N. Y., is spending her vacation with her parents in this place.

H. Clint Olmsted, of Coudersport, was shaking hands with old friends in town on Tuesday.

C. J. Miller, W. E. Barr and D. S. Logue, of Mason Hill, visited in town on Monday the 24th.

Miss Kathryn Biggins, of Atlantic City, was the guest of Miss Marian Larrabee on New Year's day.

Chas. Spangler and wife visited relatives in Renovo over Sunday, returning home in time for Christmas.

Mr. Elmer Burlingame, principal of the Austin schools, spent the first day century with Emporium friends.

Miss Rose Bair returned home on Saturday evening from Jersey Shore, where she visited relatives and friends.

Delos Burlingame, of Sizerville, was in Emporium on Monday, enroute to Johnsonburg to see that new grandson.

Miss Marian Larrabee left Tuesday afternoon for DuBois to resume her duties as teacher in the public schools at that place.

Fred Zimmers, of Gardeau, was a pleasant PRESS visitor on Thursday last. The PRESS will be a visitor to the Zimmer home another year.

Miss Anna Rich, of Williamsport, Pa., daughter of Dr. Rich, is passing the holidays, guest at the Wiley residence at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Mullen of Sheffield visited in town during the holidays guests of Mrs. Mullen's mother, Mrs. Michael Creighton.

Chester and Charles Hockley, who attend State College, have visited their parents during Christmas week, and enjoyed themselves.

J. B. Schriever, of Scranton was a pleasant PRESS caller on Saturday. Mr. S. is delighted with Scranton and is doing a large and prosperous business.

Don. Douglas, of Olean, has been visiting in town the past week and having a good time with old friends. Don has grown like an elder since he moved to Olean.

J. B. Schriever and family, of Scranton, visited their old Emporium friends last week and remaining here until Tuesday, when they went to Kane to spend a day with Mr. Schriever's mother and sisters there.

Mr. B. W. Green visited Philadelphia last week to attend the banquet given by the Pennsylvania Club to the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Mr. Green is a member of the executive committee..

Thos. H. Norris and wife visited C. C. Fay and wife on Christmas.

Prof. Bastian returned Monday evening from a visit to his old home during his vacation.

Jos. Marshall and Clyde L. Mason, of Sterling Run, were PRESS callers on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Robbins of Eldred were guests of W. B. Thompson and wife on Christmas.

Don M. Larrabee returned to Pennsylvania University law school, at Philadelphia, yesterday.

Miss Mildred Douglas, of Olean, N. Y., is visiting Neil Coppersmith at his home on East Allegany avenue.

H. C. Crawford and son Geo. H., are spending a few weeks in North Carolina, where they have extensive lumber interests.

F. S. Coppersmith and wife did some holiday shopping in Buffalo, and report the stores there as presenting a magnificant display.

Mrs. Thad. F. Moore and daughter Caroline will leave next Monday for Emporia and Lake Helena, Florida, where they will spend the winter.

Jas. Davison, who has been assisting Mr. Mitchell in his drug store at Driftwood for a number of weeks, has been recreating in town a few days past.

Michael Evers of Beechwood was a caller at the PRESS office a few days before Christmas, and we found him to be a very pleasant and agreeable gentleman.

Miss Abby L. Metzger left this morning for Dudley, Mass., where she will enter Nichols Academy. She will visit her sister and friends at Schnectady, N. Y., for a few days en route.

Miss Anna Bingeman, of Milton, is visiting R. P. Bingeman and family at this place. The young lady accompanied by Miss Della Bingeman made the PRESS office a social call, yesterday.

J. S. and Mrs. Douglas and family came over from Olean last Saturday and remained over New Years, guests of S. L Stoddard and family and C. M. Thomas and family.

Geo. Johnston and wife, of Johnstown, (just recently married) visited in Emporium last Thursday, en route to their home after visiting at Austin, guests of Rev. J. M. Johnston and family.

Ralph Davison returned to his duties at Altoona on Wednesday, after visiting his parents at this place over Christmas. He is employed in the electrical department of the P. R. R. shops, and likes his work.

Miss Maud Thomas, the energetic daughter of County Treasurer C. M. Thomas, who has been attending commercial college at Philadelphia for some time, came home to pass the holidays. She returned to her duties yesterday.

C. H. Sage, of Johnsonburg, circulated around town on Saturday, shaking hands with his oll time frients. The Johnsonburg machine shops, of which he is owner, is doing a flourishing business and employs a large force of workmen.

Ernest Peasley, one of Rich Valley's bright and prosperous farmers, made the PRESS office a friendly call, Tuesday, and in course of conversation we discovered that Mr. Peasley, besides being a scientific farmer, is indulging in tame rabbet raising, one of the latest successes. Call again, Mr. Peasley, we like to keep posted on Valley doings.

Grant S. Wiley, who has been located in lhe State ot Washington during the past two years, found time to call on ye editor yesterday. Grant will return to the west in a short time to assume a more responsible position, that of assistant manager of a large logging company. His description of that State is interesting, but we don't believe we would care to exchange Emporium for a location in that region. Mr. Wiley reports Emmitt Tulis, who located there when he did, to be getting along nicely and will realize a handsome sum from his timber land. The PRESS has been like "a letter from home" once a week to the boys and we are certainly glad to assist them in passing away time in that faraway country. The gentlemen are bound to climb the ladder, if sticktuitiveness counts for anything.

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In a pretty flat at 103 Winchester avenue lives a woman who has just fallen heir to $1,000,000. The woman is Mrs. B. N. Burlingame, and the inheritance comes from the estate of Martin Cary of Newport, County Mayo, on the west coast of Ireland.

Mrs. Burlingame claims to be related to most of the great families of England and Ireland. Her girlhood name was Blanche Ellen Cary, of the Carys of Newport, Ireland and Preston, England. Sir Thomas Lipton, she says is a distant relative of hers, and that she was entertained by him during his visit to America last year. The Duke d'Arcos also entertained Mrs. Burlingame last fall. The Duke of Manchester, the Earl of Lucone, the Duke of Zetland, Lord Aidland of Ashford, in Ireland, are near relatives. Her sister Elizabeth is the wife of Sir Arthur Percy Howard of Preston in England, a cousin of the Duke of Norfolk. Her mother's father was the Earl of Siligo.

Mrs. Burlingame is herself of titled family, with the right to prefix "Lady" to her name. She has not done that since her boarding school days, when she was 14.

Mrs. Burlingame is of average height and proportion, with large, deep violet eyes, almost black, and blue-black hair in a heavy halo and a white, almost transparent skin, with rich carmine cheeks. Her voice is the well modulated tone of Europe, beautified by the soft ascent of Ireland. She has delicate hands and feet and a dignified carriage.

She is an artist of ability, and treasures three gold medals for painting from the schools of Paris and Berlin. She has been around the world twice. Her home is hung with pictures of her family. Scattered about are bits of statuary and plants and flowers. She has heirlooms in large numbers. One is a thread lace shawl over 380 years old that once belonged to a Countess Sligo. Another rare piece of lace is a gown that belonged to the Countess Sligo of the past generation, Mrs. Burlingame's grandmother. It is black Spanish lace and is trimmed in panels of real jet on satin. There is a necklace of three strands of pearls and a finely mounted pin of topaz and violet and amethysts in the form of a pansy with a rose diamond in the centre among the keepsakes of Mrs. Burlingame.

ROMANCE OF HER LIFE.

Mrs. Burlingame is the only one of her family living in America. Before her fifteenth birthday she knew and loved one who was not favored by her family. With a determination of a first love, Mrs. Burlingame married the man despite her father's protests, and left the hills and lakes of Ireland to come to the United States. It was many years afterward that her family became reconciled to her marriage. She has one child, a boy of fifteen years, Charles.

Martin Cary was an eccentric man, a philanthropist and a financier. He left much to charity, besides the millions of dollars which will go to his eight heirs. The exact amount of his estate will not be known for ten days longer, acording to the Irish custom that a will is not opened until thirty days after the death. Martin Cary was a man of title, yet it was never known outside his circle of friends and his own county. He preferred to be plain "Mister" to every one. He built many schools, churches and hospitals for the people of his country, and conducted several commercial affairs to give them employment.

Mrs. Burlingame says she has become so thoroughly Amercanized that she could never spend all her time in England and Ireland, and that if the castle itself has been left, she will continue to live in Chicago most of the time, where she has property interests.—Hearst's Chicago American.

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It is a mystery why women endure backache, headache, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, fainting and dizzy spells when thousands have proved that Electric Bitters will quickly cure such troubles. "I suffered for years with kidney trouble," writes Mrs. Phebe Cherley, of Peterson, Ia., "and a lame back pained me so I could not dress myself, but Electric Bitters wholly cured me, and, although 75 years old, I now am able to do all my housework." It overcomes constipation, improves appetite, gives perfect health. Only 50 cents at L. Taggart's. Jan

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Though fearful storms have swept in wrath
About thy toilsome, rugged path,
And thou hast ofttimes been cast down
And sore dismayed by Fortune's frown.
Faint not, but bravely bear thy part,
O fellow man; once more take heart.

The storm is followed by the calm,
And winter gales by airs of balm.
Dark night gives place to sun-bright day;
Let Hope still cheer thee on thy way,
Beyond the cloud still shines the sun;
Press on until thy work is done.

Perchance thou many times hast failed.
Some weakness over thee prevailed,
And thou hast faltered in the strife
And sadly rued thy blighted life;
Though great thy grief and keen thy pain
O weary one, take heart again!

Dwell not upon thy mournful past.
Arise, and for thy right stand fast;
Be strong and brave, fold not thy hands.
For thee still flows life's golden sands;
To better things sweet voices call
But God in love rules over all.
—John Allen Guilford, in Boston Transcript.

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CHAPTER VI.—CONTINUED.

Reassuring as he meant his words to be, Marshall Dean himself looked anxiously about at the unprotected walls. Not even the customary "dug-out" or underground refuge seemed to have been prepared. Almost every homestead, big or little, of those days, had its tunnel from the cellar to a dugout near at hand, stocked with provisions and water and provided with loopholes commanding the neighborhood, and herein the besieged could take refuge and stand off the Indians until help should come from the nearest fort. "The name of Folsom is our safeguard," said Mrs. Hal, in her happy honeymoon days, but that was before the mother told her of the threats of Burning Star or the story of the Ogallalla girl he vainly loved. "All that happened so long ago," she murmured, when at last the tale was told. But Hal should have known, if she did not, that even when it seems to sleep Indian vengeance is but gaining force and fury.

Presently Mrs. Hal came tripping forth again, a little carte de visite in her hand, a smile of no little significance on her lips. "Now, Mr. Dean, will you tell me what you think of that for a pappoose?"

And with wonderment in his eyes the young officer stod and held it and gazed.

There stood Pappoose, to be sure, but what a change! The little maiden with the dark braids of hair hanging far below her waist had developed into a tall slender girl, with clear-cut oval face, crowned by a mass of dark tresses. Her heavy, low-arching brows spanned the thoughtful deep, dark-brown eyes that seemed to speak the soul within and the beautiful face was lighted up with a smile that showed just a peep of faultless white teeth, gleaming through the warm curves of her soft, sensitive lips. The form was exquisitely rounded, yet supple and erect.

"Hasn't Jessie written you of how Nell has grown and improved?" said Mrs. Hall with a woman's quick note of the admiration and surprise in Dean's regard.

"She must have," was the answer, "I'm sure she has, but perhaps I thought it schoolgirl rhapsody—perhaps I had too many other things to think of."

"Perhaps you'll find it superseding these too many other things, Mr. Soldier Boy," was Mrs. Hal's mental comment. "Now, sir, if you've gazed enough perhaps you'll tell me your plans," and she stretched forth a reclaiming hand.

But he hung on to the prize. "Let me keep it a minute," he pleaded. "It's the loveliest thing I've seen in months."

And, studying his absorbed face, she yielded, her eyebrows arching, a pretty smile of feminine triumph about her lips, and neither noticed the non-commissioned officer hurrying within the gate, nor that half the men in "C" troop at their bivouac along the stream were on their feet and gazing to northeast, that far down the valley a horseman was speeding like the wind, that little puffs of smoke were rising from the crests of the grand landmark of the range and floating into the blue of the heavens. Both started to their feet at the abrupt announcement.

"Lieutenant, there are smoke signals on Lar'mie Peak."

CHAPTER VII.

Lieut. Dean's orders required that he should march his troop without unnecessary delay to Fort Emory, there to take station relieving troop F, ordered to change to Frayne, which meant, in so many words, to take the field. Capt. Brooks, still wrestling with the fever, had retired to his quarters at the old frontier fort that stood so long on the bluffs overlooking the fords of the Platte. The surgeon said he must remain in bed at least a week, so meantime the troop packed up, sent its wagons ahead over the range, bade God speed to F as it passed through en route to the front, exchanged a volley of chaff and chewing tobacco over the parting game of "freeze out" fought to a finish on many an outspread saddle blanket, then jogged on toward Gate City, making wide detour at the suggestion of the field officer in command at Frayne, that they might scout the Laramie plains and see that all was well at Folsom's ranch. This detour was duly reported to the peppery veteran at Fort Emory, an old colonel whose command was by this time reduced from "headquarters, field, staff and band," six companies of infantry and four troops of cavalry to the band and two desperately overworked companies of foot. "Two nights in bed" were all his men could hope for, and sometimes no more than one, so grievous was the guard duty. Hence "old Pecksniff," his adjutant and quartermaster and his two remaining companies saw fit to take it as most unkind in Lieut. Col. Ford to authorize that diversion of Dean's, and highly improper on Dean's part to attempt it. By this time, too, there was in circulation at Emory a story that this transfer of C to interior lines and away from probable contact with the Sioux was not so much that it had done far more than its share of that arduous work, completely using up its captain, as that, now the captain was used up, the authorities had their doubts as to the "nerve" of the lieutenant in temporary command. A fellow who didn't care to come to Emory and preferred rough duty up along the Platte must be lacking in some essential particular, thought the women folk, and at the very moment that Marshall Dean sat there at Hal Folsom's ranch, as brave and hardy and capable a young officer as ever forded the Platte, looking forward with pleasurable anticipations to those days to come at Emory, with Jessie—Jessie and, of course, Pappoose—so close at hand in town, there was gaining ground at the post an impression that the safety of the board of officers sent to choose the site of the new Big Horn post had been imperiled by Dean's weakening at a critical moment in presence of a band of probably hostile Sioux. Burleigh had plainly intimated as much to his chief clerk and Col. Stevens, and when Loring and Stone came through a day or two later and questions were asked about that meeting, the aid-de-camp gave it as distinctly to be understood that he had practically assumed command, Dean's inexperience being manifest, and his own prompt measures had extricated the little detachment from a most delicate and dangerous position. The engineer, let it be said, did not hear this statement, and the aid was very careful not to make it in his presence. He was a comparative stranger, and as no one presumed to question him he volunteered no information.

Planning to bivouac until dawn of the next day at Folsom's, Dean had then intended to reach Fort Emory in three easy marches. He was anxious to bring his horses in in best possible condition, despite all their hard service; yet now, barely two o'clock on this hot June afternoon, came most unlooked-for, most importunate interruption to his plans. Springing to the gate at the sergeant's summons, he first directed his gaze to the distant peaks, recognized instantly the nature of the smoke puffs there rising, then turned for explanation to the swift-riding courier, whose horse's heels were making the dust fly from the sun-dried soil. One or two ranch hands, with anxious faces, came hastening over from the corral. The darky cook rushed up from the kitchen, rifle in hand. Plainly those fellows were well used to war's alarms. Mrs. Folsom, with staring eyes and dreadful anxiety in her face, gazed only at the hurrying courier, clinging the while to the pillar of the portico, as though needing support. The smoke puffs on the mountain, the dust-cloud back of the tearing rider were symptoms enough for Dean.

"Get in your herd, sergeant!" he shouted, at the top of his voice; and over the rushing of the Laramie his words reached the rousing bivouac, and saddle blankets were sent swinging in air in signal to the distant guards, and within a few seconds every horse was headed for home; and then, to the sound of excited voices was added the rousing thunder of scores of bounding hoofs, as, all in a dust-cloud of their own, the sixty chargers came galloping in, ears erect, eyes ablaze, nostrils wide, manes and tails streaming in the blaze, guided by their eager guards full tilt for camp. Out ran their riders, bridles in hand, to meet and check them, every horse when within a few yards of his master seeming to settle on his haunches and plow up the turf in the sudden effort to check his speed, long months of service on the plains and in the heart of Indian land having taught them in times of alarm or peril that the quicker they reached the guiding hand and bore, each, his soldier on his back, the quicker would vanish the common foe. Even before the panting steed of the headlong courier came within hailing distance of the ranch, half the horses in the troop were caught and the bits were rattling between their teeth; then, as the messenger tore along the gentle slope that led to the gateway, his wearied horse laboring painfully at the rise, Mrs. Folsom recognized one of her husband's herdsmen, a man who had lived long years in Wyoming and could be unnerved by no false alarm, and her voice went up in a shriek of fear as she read the tidings in his almost ghastly face.

"Where is Hal?" she screamed. "Oh, what has happened?"

"He's safe," was the answering call, as the rider waved a reassuring hand, but at the instant he bent low. "Thank God, you're here, lieutenant," he gasped. "Mount quick. Hal's corralled two miles out there under the butte—Sioux!" And then they saw that he was swooning, that the blood was streaming down the left thigh and leg, and before hand could help him, he rolled senseless, doubled up in the dust at his horse's feet, and the weary creature never even started.

"Saddle up, men!" rang the order across the stream. And then while strong arms lifted and bore the wounded herdsman to the porch, Dean turned to the wailing mistress, who, white-faced and terror-stricken, was wringing her hands and moaning and running wildly up and down the walk and calling for some one to go and save her husband. Dean almost bore her to a chair and bade her fear nothing. He and his men would lose not a moment. On the floor at her feet lay the little card photograph, and Dean, hardly thinking what he did, stooped, picked it up and placed it in the pocket of his hunting shirt, just as the trumpeter on his plunging gray reached the gate, Dean's big, handsome charger trotting swiftly alongside. In an instant the lieutenant was in saddle, in another second a trooper galloped up with his belt and carbine. Already the men were leading into line across the stream, and, bidding the trumpeter tell Sergt. Shaughnessy to follow at speed, the young officer struck spur to his horse and, carbine in hand, a single trooper at his heels, away he darted down the valley. C troop, splashing through the ford a moment later, took the direct road past the stockade of the corral, disappeared from sight a moment behind that wooden fortification and, when next it hove in view, it was galloping front into line far down the Laramie, then once more vanished behind its curtain of dust.

"Two miles out there under the butte," was the only indication the young officer had of the scene of the fight, for fight he knew it must be, and even as he went bounding down the valley he recalled the story of the Indian girl, the threats of Burning Star, the vowed vengeance of her brothers. Could it be that, taking advantage of this raid of Red Cloud, far from all the reservations, far from possibility of detection by count of prying agents, the three had induced a gang of daring, devil-may-care young warriors to slip away from the Big Horn with them and, riding stealthily away from the beaten trails, to ford the Platte beyond the ken of watchful eyes at Fetterman and sneak through the mountain range to the beautiful, fertile valley beyond, and there lie in wait for Hal Folsom or for those he loved? What was to prevent? Well they knew the exact location of his ranch. They had fished and sported all about it in boy days—days when the soldiers and the Sioux were all good friends, days before the mistaken

He waved a ragged object on high.

policy of a post commander had led to an attack upon a peaceful band, and that to the annihilation of the attacking party. From that fatal day of the Grattan massacre ten years before, there had been no real truce with the Sioux, and now was opportunity afforded for a long-plotted revenge. Dean wondered Folsom had not looked for it instead of sleeping in fancied security.

A mile nearer the butte and, glancing back, he could see his faithful men come bounding in his tracks. A mile ahead, rising abruptly from the general level, a little knoll or butte jutted out beyond the shoulders of the foothills and stood sentinel within three hundred yards of the stream. On the near—the westward-side, nothing could be seen of horse or man. Something told him he would find the combatants beyond—that dead or alive, Hal Folsom would be there awaiting him. A glance at the commanding heights and the ridge that connected it with the tumbling, wooded hills to the north, convinced him that at that moment some of the foe were lurking there, watching the westward valley, and by this time they knew full well of the coming of the cavalry to the rescue. By this time, more than likely, they were scurrying off to the mountains again, returning the way they came, with a start of at least two miles.

"With or without the coveted scalps?" he wondered. Thus far he had been riding straight for the butte. The road wound around and disappeared behind him, but there was no sense in following the road. "Pursue and punish," was the thing to be done. Surely not more than a dozen were in the band, else that courier could never have hoped to get in, wounded as he was. The Indians were too few in number to dare follow to the ranch, guarded as, by almost God-given luck, it happened to be through the unlooked-for presence of the troops. No, it was a small band, though a daring one. Its lookout had surely warned it by this time of his coming, and by this time, too, all save one or two who rode the fleetest ponies and lingered probably for a parting shot at the foremost of the chase, had scampered away behind the curtain of that ridge. Therefore, in long curve, never checking his magnificent stride, Dean guided his bounding bay to the left—the northeast—and headed for the lowest point of the divide.

And then it all occurred to him too that he was far in front of his men, too far to be of use to them and just far enough to be an easy prey for the lurking foe. Then, too, it occurred to him that he must not leave the ranch unprotected. Already he was within long rifle range of the height; already probably some beady eye was glancing through the sights, and the deadly tube was covering him as he came bounding on. Three hundred yards more and his life probably wouldn't be worth a dollar in confederate money, and wisely the young leader began to draw rein, and, turning in saddle, signaled to his single companion, laboring along one hundred yards behind, to hasten to join him. Presently the trooper came spurring up, a swarthy young German, but though straining every nerve, the troop was still a mile away.

"Ride back, Wegner, and tell the sergeant to take ten men around that side—the south side of the bluff," and he pointed with his hand; "the rest to come straight to me."

Oh, well was it for Dean that he checked his speed, and as the young dragoon went sputtering back, that he himself drew rein and waited for the coming of his men. Suddenly from far out along the ridge in front, from the very crest, there leaped a jet or two of fire and smoke. Two little spurts of dust and turf flew up from the prairie sod a dozen yards in front, a rifle bullet went singing off through the sunny air, Rabb, his handsome bay, pawed the ground and switched about, and up on the crest, riding boldly in full view, two lithe, naked, painted warriors, war bonnets trailing over their ponies' croups, yelling shrill insult and derision, went tearing away northward, one of them pausing long enough to wave some ragged object on high and give out ringing, exultant whoop ere he disappeared from view.

"It's a scalp, lieutenant," shouted the foremost sergeant as he came up to join his chief. "They've got one, anyhow."

"Come on, then, and we'll get it back," was the only answer, as with nearly thirty troopers stringing out behind them, the two launched out in chase.

[To Be Continued.]

QUIETED THE INDIANS.

Bishop Whipple's Method of Subduing Refractory and Rebellious Braves.

Most interesting is Bishop Whipple's account of the manner in which he once prevented an Indian outbreak, says H. B. Merwin, in Atlantic. "Courteousness of speech," he says, "is a marked characteristic of the Indian. It is an act of great rudeness to interrupt another, and the last words of every speech are: 'I have done.' Knowledge of this fact once enabled me to settle a serious difficulty. The Indians at Leech Lake had heard—as was the fact—that the government had sold all their pine without their knowledge and consent." An uprising was imminent, and the Indians had already killed the government cattle. Bishop Whipple was requested by the president to go to Leech Lake and negotiate with the Indians. "It was in the dead of winter, the thermometer below zero, and the snow deep. It was a journey of 75 miles through the forest, and it took us three days to reach the lake. The Indians came to their council in paint and feathers, angry and turbulent." Flatmouth, their chief, made a violent speech, to which the bishop replied briefly, as follows: "I shall tell you the truth. It will not be pleasant to my red brother. When you killed those cattle, you struck the Great Father in the face. When you stole those goods, you committed a crime. I am not here to tell you what the Great Father will do. He has not told me. If he does what he ought to do, he will arrest those who have committed this crime, if it takes 10,000 men."

"As I expected," the bishop relates, "the chief was very angry, and, springing to his feet, began to talk violently. I folded my arms and sat down. When he paused, I said quietly: 'Flatmouth, are you talking, or am I talking? If you are talking, I will wait till you have finished; if I am talking, you may wait till I have finished.' The Indians all shouted: 'Ho! ho!' Their chief had committed a great breach of courtesy toward me, their friend.

"Overwhelmed with confusion, Flatmouth sat down, and I knew that the ground was mine. I then told them that when I heard of the pine sale I wrote to Washington and protested against it; that I went to the man who bought the pine, and told him that I should oppose the sale and carry the matter into the courts."

Got What He Asked For.

"So you are looking for a position," said the merchant to the youth with high collar and noisy necktie. "What can you do?"

"Oh, any old thing," replied the young man. "Of course, I don't expect the junior partnership at the start, but I want to be sure of an early rise."

"Very well," replied the merchant, "I'll make you assistant janitor. You will rise at four o'clock every morning and sweep the floors." — Collier's Weekly.

His Ambition Crushed.

Weary Wraggles—Why so sad, Lonesome?

Lonesome Samy—Dis paper says a man wot's born in a foreign country can't never be president of de United States.

"Well, what of it?"

"Dat wuz de one job I've allus be'n lookin' for'ard ter!"—N. Y. World.

Evidence of Advancing Years.

Jones—I must be getting old.

Smith—Legs getting stiff, or eyes getting bad?

Jones—No; but I'm beginning to like to read statistics.—Chicago Record.

A WINDOW BOOKCASE.

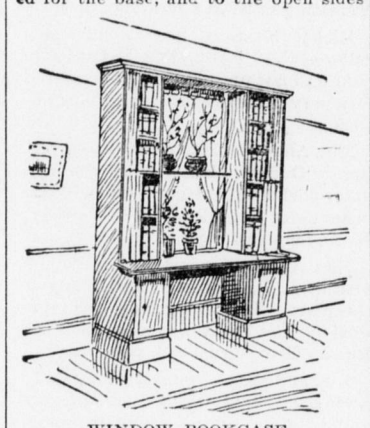
Ornamental Piece of Furniture That Can Be Made at the Expense of Very Little Money.

A window bookcase and writing desk is a novel and useful piece of furniture for almost any room, and while it may seem an odd idea for the embellishment of a window, its adaptability can readily be appreciated from a glance at the illustration, which was drawn from a case actually made and in use.

This is a piece of furniture that any carpenter can make from clear pine or white wood at a nominal cost, and it may be painted or stained and varnished as a matter of choice.

An inexpensive one can be constructed from boxes and boards with matched edges, a few feet of cornice molding, some hardware, and with the tools to be found in most any home.

Two boxes of equal size are selected for the base, and to the open sides



WINDOW BOOKCASE.

doors are attached by means of hinges. These boxes are placed on end so as to support the desk ledge and bookcases.

Three boards are driven together and placed across the upper ends of them, and made fast with screws.

The bookcases can be two long shoe boxes of even size, and arranged with shelves somewhat as shown in the drawing.

Across the top a shelf is placed and made fast. This will bind the cases together and prevent them from moving, while at the same time the bottom of each box can be made fast to the desk top.

Simple curtains of some light material are fastened at the top and halfway down at the front of the cases by means of light rods and rings, so that when desired they may be drawn across to hide the shelving and books.

Drawers can be made in the lower cases to accommodate writing materials, and the closets below them will be quite large enough to harbor magazines, pamphlets, etc.

Half-way from the desk ledge to the top of the window a shelf can be arranged to hold two or three glass bowls from which growing vines can climb on the curtains or on fine wires strung across from case to case.

The shelving in the cases should be placed the proper distances apart to accommodate books of various sizes, the smaller volumes at the top and the larger ones at the bottom as shown.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

BABY'S CREEPING RUG.

It Should Be Made of Strong Material and as Large as the Nursery Will Permit.

The creeping rug has quite taken the place of the creeping bag for the baby, as the former allows more freedom to the little one, who is less hampered than by the clumsy bag gathered about its chubby knees.

For the creeping rug some strong, firm material should be used. Canton flannel is sometimes employed. It should be doubled and the edges bound with bright braid or finished with buttonhole stitching in colored wool. Denim is even more desirable than the flannel, as, having a smoother surface, the child can creep over it more easily and not drag it up into bunches.

The rug is generally bordered with a procession of animals, cut from a contrasting material—cloth, linen or cotton, and appliqued near the outer edge of the rug. Instead of making the animals from a single bright color of cloth, it is better to have the rug of a bright hue and the animals, as far as possible, in natural colors. An effective rug is made of blue denim, with a border of black cats in all possible attitudes and antics.

As to size, the rug should be as large as the nursery will permit. Too small a rug is practically worthless, because the baby is never on it.—N. Y. Tribune.

Woman's Enlarged Sphere.

Women earn their daily bread in almost every branch of human industry. Women make or help to make coffins, bricks, tiles, sewer pipes, tools, boxes, barrels, furniture. They are in all the professions; they are stockholders and partners in various kinds of business, and as to the more conventional occupations of women they are galore. In the more unusual ways we have had a woman anthropologist, a woman forester, women who mine and women who deal in stocks. One woman spent 50 years making a bead house and lately was found dead with her unfinished work before her.

CAROL WITH A CAUTION.

Rev. Dr. Robert Collyer Talks About Christmas Giving and Draws a Moral.

NO MAN ever was more beloved by those who know him than Rev. Dr. Robert Collyer, for many years pastor of the Church of the Messiah, at New York. When asked, a few years ago, to say something about Christmas and Christmas giving he expressed himself as follows:

"When I was a boy in Scotland I used to get up at four o'clock Christmas morning, and a crowd of us would go through the village shouting at the top of our voices: 'A merry Christmas! Wake up! Wake up!' This sounded the keynote to our Christmas. There was little gift-giving; it was necessarily a frugal holiday, but it was full of good-natured merriment and we felt the thrill of the true Christmas spirit. It was and is a glorious time. It is the children's carnival; the midsummer of charity; the spring-tide of good will to men; the time of year when the heavens open and angels come down to sing in the lone reaches of new colonies, to people in hospitals, poorhouses, and mansions, and 'the huts where poor men lie.' I would not degrade the beautiful festival by overdoing it. The man who does most for his fellow-men, according to his means, does best.

"Still, I think it is not hard to see how we may spare even at the Christmas-tide, and do more and better than if we spend. If a man spends the money he ought to save to pay his debts, when he knows very well that he can pay them only by saving, the giving what he buys right and left with an open hand, is to his own shame. Not a penny ought to be laid out in gifts we can well let alone. We should never spend when we ought to spare, especially if we have families. One of the saddest things I have seen in my life has been families left destitute through a certain easy-going generosity in the man out of whose life they sprang, who laid up nothing for a rainy day. I can easily imagine how such a man would be glad to exchange his harp and crown, if he should find himself in Heaven, for good six-per-cent. stock—supposing a man could go there who, through his own carelessness, has left a wife and family of little children without a penny in the world."

NO FRAME HOUSES.

South Africa Uses a Great Deal of Brick and Cement in Building.

South Africa is without a peer as a customer for cement, says United States Consul General Stowe at Cape Town in a recent communication to the department of state, according to the Washington Star. All the buildings there, he says, all the warehouses, stores and residences, are built of brick, cemented on the outside, and no wood or "frame" houses are to be seen.

The bricks used in South Africa are larger than American bricks, and are "laid up" principally with "mud," the inferior clay found in that region, instead of lime mortar or cement. The cement comes into play in the outside finish of the buildings. It is laid over the whole surface, and the expert Malay masons in South Africa produce very pleasing and unique effects in finishing up caps, columns and moldings, closely imitating the natural stone in this decorative work. A striking effect is produced by "spattering" some of the larger buildings with cement, which presents a rough exterior very striking and pleasing to the eye, and also durable.

The greater part of the cement imported into South Africa last year, states the consul general, came from Great Britain, and over 125,000,000 pounds into the country, all told. "When I left the United States," says Mr. Stowe, "our manufacturers of cement were producing an article which was proved by tests to be as good as the English, and that cement ought to find a large market here. While the United States at the present time would be hampered on account of the excessive steamship rates to this country, which would prevent competition with the German and Belgian cements, yet I am convinced with equal rates the United States cement could find a market here in large quantities. Cement of the desired quality will never be manufactured here, as the ingredients do not exist."

Best Way to Treat Sprains.

In treating a sprain wring a folded flannel out of boiling water by laying it in a thick towel and twisting the ends in opposite directions; shake it to cool it a little, lay it on the painful part and cover it with a piece of dry flannel. Change the fomentations until six have been applied, being careful not to have them so hot as to burn the skin. Bandage the part if possible and in six or eight hours repeat the application. As soon as it can be borne rub well with extract of witch hazel.—Ladies' Home Journal.

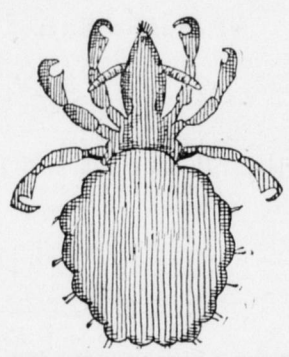
Paint Spots on Dress.

If these are rubbed at once with turpentine they come off quite easily, but if they have been allowed to dry a little ammonia should be mixed with the turpentine, provided it is a "fast color" material. If the color is one that is likely to be injured, drop a little sweet oil on the spot, then rub with turpentine, removing the grease spot afterward by rubbing with benzine or ether.

FIGHTING LICE ON HOGS.

How to Keep the Insects in Subjection Is a Problem That Is Puzzling Many Farmers.

Ever since we began raising hogs the hog louse has given trouble more or less—generally more. It is one of the drawbacks to successful hog growing. Lice must be kept in subjection if the pigs are to do their best. The average farmer has more to do than can be looked after properly, and this is one of the things that is apt to be neglected. There are many preparations that will kill every louse it touches and it is no great task to apply them. But we should bear in mind that when the herd is once infested with them the nits are hatching all the time, and one or two applications do but little good. The fight must be kept up for weeks, sometimes months, and there must be a careful watch for them always. It is important to know what will kill hog lice, but it is far more important



HOG LOUSE; HIGHLY MAGNIFIED.

to know how to apply it with the least trouble, and then apply it regularly, at stated times, until the pigs are clean and thrifty. Then do not think the herd will be free from the pest for a term of months or years, but keep a constant watch and be ready to begin another war on them.

I have used coal oil, kerosene emulsion, decoction of tobacco, carbolic acid and some of the "sheep dips," and know that all of them are sure death to the lice when properly mixed and vigorously applied. For cheapness and effectiveness the kerosene emulsion is preferred above all the others.

I have applied all these, rubbing on with cloth or sponge, by spraying with a bucket pump and with the knapsack sprayer. A very thorough job may be done by washing with a sponge, but this is not practical in the case of hogs being grown for market, and these are the ones that generally need treatment oftenest. The bucket pump cannot be shifted about the pens readily enough to be of any great value.

It seems to me that there is but one best, practical way to apply these washes, and that is with the knapsack sprayer. With it, the work can be done so easily and perfectly that I have come to regard it as an absolute necessity on the hog farm. We have had one of the best for several years, which cost $6.50, and if a new one had to be bought every second year, I should consider the money well spent.

In spraying hogs it is not best to do the work while they are merely eating slop or other feed. Thorough work cannot be done in this way. The hiss of the nozzle and the spray striking them will scare the most hoggish hog away. The better way is to get the hogs in a close pen, get the mixture in the tank, get the tank on your back and get yourself over in the pen. Try to remember that the mixture costs but a trifle, and don't save it. Spray them until every hog is dripping wet all over, and there will be no lice in that bunch for a few days. Then repeat the process. It is but little trouble, costs but a few cents, and will pay better than any other way that amount of money and time can be spent.—Ohio Farmer

Next Summer's Hog Pasture.

Hog raisers should be looking forward to the hog pasture for next year and preparing for it. It often takes as much time to plan successfully as to execute successfully, hence we cannot begin too early to plan for the new campaign. It is a mistake to suppose that any one kind of grass or plant will serve as a hog pasture all through the year. A number of forage plants should be available. The first of these is blue grass, which comes in in the spring and will carry the hogs forward to the time the young clover is high enough to eat. When the clover gets too old to be succulent, there should be a field of rape available, and after that may come cow peas in sections where cow peas can be grown.—Farmers' Review.

Goose Market at Warsaw.

At Warsaw, Poland, they hold a goose market every year in October. The geese, about 3,000,000 in number, are driven to Warsaw from all parts of the country. Many of them come from distant provinces and as a consequence have to travel many miles over roads that would wear out their feet unless some means were taken to protect them. This is done by driving them through tar poured upon the ground and then through sand. The operation is repeated several times, and by the time they are ready to start their feet are completely covered with a hard crust which effectually protects them from all injury.

FILLED ALL REQUIREMENTS.

She Wanted a Real Sensible Book and She Took Robinson Crusoe.

The trials of librarians in city libraries have often been cited; those of the guardians of small country libraries are of a different character, but require perhaps the exercise of even greater patience, says Youth's Companion.

"Ma wants you should pick her out a book," said a freckle-faced girl to the bright young woman in charge of the free library of a New England village; "and she don't want a serious one, she says, nor she don't want a love story, without it's founded on fact. Nor of course, she don't want anything she's ever read before."

The librarian tapped her pencil thoughtfully on the desk, without a trace of despair which a chance listener to this dialogue expected to see on her face.

"Nor she don't want anything that's chopped up into short stories, she says," continued the girl, bent on the librarian's further enlightenment, "and she wants consider'ble going on, and a lot of pictures, ma does. And she told me partic'lar to say she didn't want no di'lec' stories; she says she knows well enough how folks in the country talk."

Still the librarian thoughfully tapped her pencil, apparently waiting for further instructions.

"She wants a real sensible book, the kind grandma likes and I like, too," volunteered "ma's" emissary; then suddenly she leaned over the librarian. "Say," she whispered, hoarsely, "if there's one of the Robinson Cruzo books in, ma said you'd better gimme that."

"Certainly," said the librarian, pleasantly, and a moment later the well-thumbed copy of the famous adventures had changed hands, and the happy possessor of it departed wreathed in smiles.

The good man alone is free, and all bad men are slaves.—Maxim of the Stoics.

And He Did.—He—"Do you think it is proper etiquette for a gentleman to take a lady's arm?" She—"No; but he might ask her for—her hand."—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

Better Goods Wanted.—Clerk—"Perhaps you'd like to look at some goods a little more expensive than these." Shopper—"Not necessarily, but I would like to look at some of better quality."—Philadelphia Press.

She—"Yes, I consider that he paid a very flattering compliment to my good sense." He—"In what way?" She—"He didn't attempt to say anything flattering to me."—Catholic Standard.

Brown (slapping total stranger on back)—"Hullo, old man, haven't seen you for an age. Don't you remember me?" Stranger—"I don't remember your face, but your manner's very familiar."—Punch.

Sportsman (to Smith, who hasn't brought down a single bird all day)—"Do you know Lord Peckham?" Smith—"Oh, dear, yes; I've often shot at his house." Sportsman—'Ever hit it?"—Fun.

Not the Same.—Caller—"Your big sister Emma and that Mr. Sophtie seems to be pretty thick, don't they?" Ethel—"O, my! no! Sister Emma is, but Mr. Sophtie's just as thin as he can be."—Philadelphia Press.

Hoax—"What are you thinking about?" Joax—"I was just wondering." Hoax—"What?" Joax—"Can a man be said to be on a terra cotta bust when he's painting the town red?"—Philadelphia Record.

An Atchison widower writes this office to note how times have changed. "When I first married, 20 years ago," he said, "I had to ask the girl three times before she would have me. Yesterday I mailed a proposal to a Topeka girl, and received an acceptance this morning by telegraph."—Atchison Globe.

A Wonderful Old Lady.

Lord Rosebery's mother, the duchess of Cleveland, is a wonderful old lady. Though she is in her eighty-first year she is full of energy and is a delightful companion. The London King mentions, as an illustration of her activity, that she did not indulge her love for travel until she was over 70 years of age, and since then she has made many a journey, including a tour to India, the West Indies and British South Africa. The duchess was married to the late duke of Cleveland in 1854, three years after the death of Lord Dalmeny, Lord Rosebery's father.

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We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Props., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A Parting Stab.

"Sarah," said the lady of the house, breaking the news gently to the new servant girl, "we shall have to get along without your services after the first of the month."

"Yes, mum," replied Sarah; "I'm sorry the master's affairs are in such bad shape, mum."—Philadelphia North American.

Best for the Bowels.

No matter what ails you, headache to a cancer, you will never get well until your bowels are put right. Cascarets help nature, cure you without a gripe or pain, produce easy natural movements, cost you just 10 cents to start getting your health back. Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the genuine, put up in metal boxes, every tablet has C. C. C. stamped on it. Beware of imitations.

The Commercial Instinct.

Mamma—Tommy, do stop that noise. If you'll only be good I'll give you a penny.

Tommy—No; I want a nickel.

"Why, you little rascal, you were quite satisfied to be good yesterday for a penny."

"I know, but that was a bargain day."—Philadelphia Press.

Excursion Sleepers Via M., K. & T. Ry.

Weekly Excursion Sleepers leave St. Louis via Katy Flyer (M. K. & T. Ry.) every Tuesday at 8:16 p. m. for San Antonio, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Weekly Excursion Sleepers leave Kansas City via the M. K. & T. Ry. every Saturday at 9:05 p. m. for San Antonio, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Genuine charity is after all not so very particular as to where it begins.—Detroit Journal.

There Is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over ¼ as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cts. and 25 cts. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

Photographer—"Now, smile, please." Sitter—"I can't; I am a humorist by profession."—Ally Sloper.

He that will not look before must look behind.—Gaelic.

"Don't Care" has no house.—Negro Proverb.

It is much easier to be critical than to be correct.—Disraeli.

They Wouldn't Rip.

"What do you call these?" he asked at the breakfast table.

"Flannel cakes," replied the wife of his bosom.

"Flannel? They made a mistake and sold you corduroy this time."—Baltimore American.

Time to Go South.

For the present winter season the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company has improved its already nearly perfect through service of Pullman Vestibuled Sleeping Cars and elegant day coaches from Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis and Chicago, to Mobile, New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, Thomasville, Ga., Pensacola, Jacksonville, Tampa, Palm Beach and other points in Florida. Perfect connections made with steamer lines for Cuba, Porto Rico, Nassau, West Indian and Central American Ports. Tourist and Home Seekers' excursion tickets on sale at low rates. Write C. L. Stone, General Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky., for particulars.

Too Talkative.

Willie—Just one more question, pa. Our Sunday school teacher says I'm made of dust. Am I?

Pa—I guess not. If you were you'd dry up once in awhile.—Philadelphia Press.

Coughing Leads to Consumption.

Kemp's Balsam will stop the Cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Large bottles 25 and 50 cents. Go at once: delays are dangerous.

A woman's faith in her husband is built on a solid rock if a visit from her mother for three weeks fails to shake it.—Atchison Globe.

Drugs have their uses, but don't store them in your stomach. Beeman's Pepsin Gum aids the natural forces to perform their functions.

It is folly for a pair of fond lovers to gaze into each other's eyes in public and try to persuade themselves that the observing public isn't next.—Chicago Daily News.

Actors, Vocalists, Public Speakers praise Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar. Pike's Toothache Drops Cure in one minute.

Everyone cherishes the secret notion that he has an unknown friend who will come forward in a time of peril and declare himself.—Atchison Globe.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES do not stain the hands or spot the kettle. Sold by all druggists.

Maiden Auntie—"Now, Geraldine, when I was young as you—" Geraldine—"Was you ever young, auntie? It seems impossible."—Ohio State Journal.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. Samuel, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

Assistant Editor—"I've found out at last who 'Vox Populi' is." Editor—"Who?" Assistant Editor—"'Constant Reader' under a nom de plume."—Syracuse Herald.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Learning makes a man fit company for himself.—Young.

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Columbus, O., July 10, 1900.

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The Peruna Medicine Co., City:

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Congressman Meekison.

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U. S. SENATOR DAVIS DIES FROM KIDNEY DISEASE.

Senator Davis made a prolonged and gallant fight with disease.

The trouble, of which the kidney affection was the fatal outcome, first appeared about Sept. 20.

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Trouble Stealthily Encroached.

The trouble had, however, stealthily encroached upon a vital organ, and on Nov. 11 examination of the urine proved the presence of inflammation of the kidneys.

Both acute nephritis and diabetes made their appearance, and Dr. Murphy, of Chicago, was summoned. He agreed with Doctors Stone and Lankester as to the presence of these serious ailments in acute form, and, while not making any public statement, he made known privately to some of Senator Davis' business associates his opinion that the case was hopeless.

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To those, however, who were familiar with the symptoms of acute kidney troubles the bulletins held ominous information, the rapid respiration, fluctuating pulse, delirium and approaching coma telling the story of death's nearness.

—*St. Paul Dispatch.*

Is This What Ails You?

Does your back ache?
Do you have scanty flow of urine?
Do you have frequent severe headaches?
Do you urinate too frequently either day or night.
Have you sand, gravel, brick dust or white mucous in your urine?
Have you dark or bloody looking urine which scalds when voiding?
Have you dark circles around the eyes, puffiness under the eyes, or bloated appearance of the face in the morning?

Your Kidneys are Sick

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Kidney Disease does not make itself felt until it has secured a firm hold on your system.

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Mr. J. C. Schoch, of DuBois, Pa., convinced beyond the shadow of a doubt that Morrow's Kid-ne-oids cure kidney troubles promptly and to stay cured.

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Mrs. Gold Campman.

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Sharon, Pa., Nov. 8, 1900. John Morrow & Co. Dear Sirs:—"I take pleasure in recommending your medicine to the public in the hope that it may benefit others as it has me. Three years ago in March I was attacked with a severe fever which left me in a miserable, weak condition. About one year ago, after my kidneys became affected, the pain in my back was so bad I could not sit up or lie down. I saw Morrow's Kid-ne-oids highly recommended and procured a box and took them according to directions, which resulted in a cure. I have taken in all three boxes and consider the medicine so good for kidney troubles that I will take no other." Yours truly, Mrs. Gold Campman.

Mrs. D. S. Sterner.

Graphic interview given our reporter by Mrs. D. S. Sterner, of Altoona, Pa., who suffered for years with kidney troubles.

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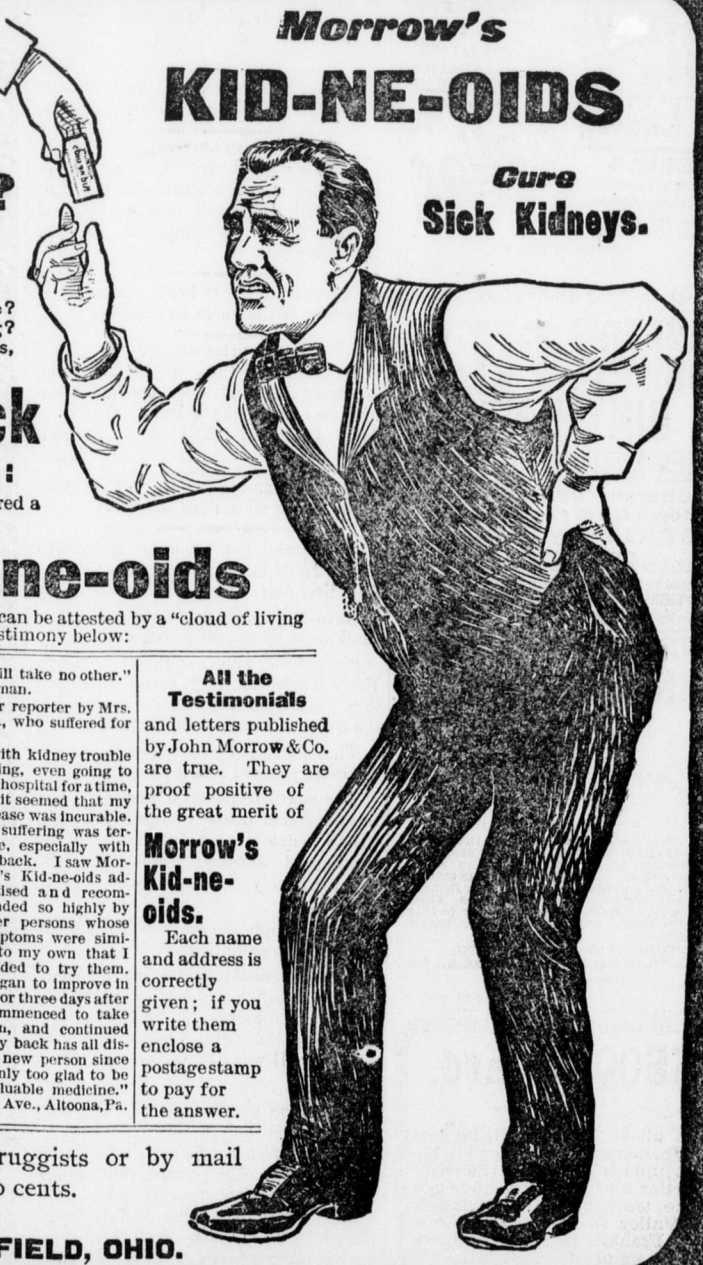

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Do you want them? Do you simply want to glow with health? Do you want to eat well, sleep well and work well? Try Litchy's Celery Compound. Sold by L. Taggart. Jan

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Quality and not quantity makes DeWitt's Little Early Risers such valuable little liver pills. R. C. Dodson. 8ly

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When threatened by pneumonia or any other lung trouble, prompt relief is necessary, as it is dangerous to delay. We would suggest that One Minute Cough Cure be taken as soon as indications of having taken cold are noticed. It cures quickly and its early use prevents consumption. R. C. Dodson. 8ly

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You will never again meet with such bargains. Had we the room to care for these goods the sale would never take place, but in order to dispose of these goods we are offering the entire stock at SACRIFICE SALE PRICES.

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Sheriff's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT of *Venditioni Exponas* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Cameron county, Pa., and to me directed I have seized, levied upon and taken in execution and will expose for sale to the highest and best bidder at public vendue or outcry, at the Court House, in Emporium, Cameron county, Pa., on

Friday, 18th Day of Jan. A. D., 1901,

AT 2:00 O'CLOCK, P. M.,

The following described real estate, to-wit:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of ground situate, lying and being in the Township of Gibson, County of Cameron and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post on the north bank of the Driftwood Creek, it being the southwest corner of the Henry Mason farm, running thence north 44½° east 43 rods to a crab tree corner; thence north 36° east six rods to a post; thence north 32° west 18 rods to a stone pile; thence north 25½° east 31 rods to a white oak; thence north 11½° east 15½ rods to a stone pile; thence north 44° east 34 rods to a stone pile on east line of John Wilson survey; thence north on said east line 28 rods to a post corner; thence south 268 rods to a post; thence west 14 rods to the north bank of the Driftwood Branch; thence up the said Driftwood Branch the several courses and distances thereof to the place of beginning. Containing ninety-five (95) acres more or less. Having erected thereon one frame 1½ story dwelling house, 18x24 feet; one frame barn 40x60 feet and usual out-buildings, also one good well of water and good apple orchard.

Seized and taken into execution and to be sold as the property of JAMES B. MASON, Administrator of John Mason deceased, Mrs. John Mason widow, Meranda Lewis, Mrs. James Develing, Mrs. Julius Strawbridge, J. B. Mason, J. G. Mason and C. Jay Goodnough, Guardian *ad litem* of Meranda Mason minor child of G. H. Mason deceased, heirs of John Mason, deceased, at the suit of P. H. Mason, Administrator.

TERMS CASH. No deed will be acknowledged until purchase money is paid in full.

JOHN D. SWOPE, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Emporium, Pa., Dec. 26th, 1900.

Sheriff's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF *Fieri Facias* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Cameron county, and to me directed, I have seized, levied upon and taken into execution and will expose for sale to the highest and best bidder at public vendue or outcry, at the Court House, in Emporium, Cameron county, on

Friday, 18th Day of Jan. A. D., 1901,

AT 2:00 O'CLOCK, P. M.,

The following described real estate and property, to-wit:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Borough of Emporium, County of Cameron and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz: Commencing at the southeast corner of land sold by John Brooks to J. M. Judd; thence south along west line of Locust street to the north bank of the Sinnamahoning Creek; thence westerly along the north bank of said Creek being the Driftwood Branch of the Sinnamahoning Creek to Pine street; thence northerly along the east line of Pine street to the southwest corner of land sold by said John Brooks to Mary Laumer; thence northerly along the east line of said Laumer lot to the south line of right of way of Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Company; thence easterly along the south line of said right of way to the northwest corner of land sold by said John Brooks to Mrs. E. J. Huff; thence southerly along the west line of said Huff lot to the southwest corner thereof; thence easterly along the south line of Huff land and land late of F. Rosenheimer to land of said J. M. Judd; thence southerly to the southwest corner of said Judd's land; thence easterly along the south line of said Judd's lands to place of beginning. Excepting two lots sold to Wygant White.

Also all that other piece of land situate in the said Borough of Emporium, bounded and described as follows; to-wit: Bounded on the north by right of way of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Company; on the east by lands sold by John by Brooks to J. M. Judd & M. B. Judd, on the south an alley running nearly east and west, and on the west by lands sold by said John Brooks to Mary Weller which was once owned by Eliza Jane Huff. This piece being 75 feet wide on said railroad and 150 feet deep.

Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Borough of Emporium aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at a post on the south line of the right of way of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Company at the northwest corner of lot No. 5; thence easterly on said railroad line 75 feet; thence southerly and parallel to the west line of lands late of John M. Judd lying east of this piece 150 feet; thence westerly and parallel to the first described line 75 feet; thence northerly 150 feet to place of beginning. Reserving to the owner of the Grist Mill standing on the west side of Pine street, where it crosses the Philadelphia & Erie Roilroad the right to use, keep open and maintain the mill race forever hereafter to its present width and depth over and through the lands herein last described.

The above and foregoing properties all adjoining and used and occupied as one property.

Having erected thereon one three-story and attic frame iron-sheathed building, about 64x183 feet, with L, about 48x65 feet, 2 stories high, with machinery, belting, shafting, pulleys, and fittings complete for furniture factory and saw mill, having therein a complete sprinkler system.

Also one one-story brick, iron roofed engine house, about 26x16 feet, with engine complete to operate said factory and saw mill.

Also one one-story brick, iron-roofed boiler house, about 32x18 feet, with steam boilers in good condition.

Also one one-story iron-sheathed oil storage house about 12x30 feet.

Also one dry kiln, about 34x59 feet used in connection with said furniture factory.

Also one dry kiln, about 67x59 feet, also used in connection with said furniture factory.

Also one frame barn about 16x16 feet, with wagon shed attached.

Also one two-story frame dwelling house, about 20x23 feet, with one-story kitchen, about 8x24 feet.

Also tramroads connecting said factory, saw mill and dry kilns with railroad.

The aforesaid furniture factory and saw mill is completely equipped with all necessary machinery, and appliances, electric light plant, and electric watchman's system for operating the same and is all ready for operation. The said factory is connected and piped for natural gas and city water.

Seized and taken into execution and to be sold as the property of THE MANKEY FURNITURE CO., at the suit of FREDERICK MANKEY, TRUSTEE.

TERMS CASH. No deed will be acknowledged until the purchase money is paid in full.

JOHN D. SWOPE, Sheriff.

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LICENSE APPLICATIONS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following named persons have filed their petitions for Licenses, in my office, according to law, for the term of January Court, 1901:

HOTEL LICENSE.

Grove Township.

James O'Brien,..... Buckhorn Hotel
John W. Norris..... Exchange Hotel
James Mundy,..... Valley House

Sinnemahoning.

O. L. Bailey,..... Enterprise House
Geo. P. Shafer, ... Sinnemahoning House

Driftwood.

Fred McVicker,..... Lafayette Hotel
Thos. J. Riley,..... Commercial Hotel
A. M. McDonald,..... Curtin House

Sterling Run.

Mary A. Furlong,..... Alpine House
Patrick Mahoney, ... Sterling Run House

Sizerville Hotel License.

H. W. Martindale,..... Sizer Springs Hotel
J. H. Evens,..... Covil House

Emporium, East Ward, Hotel Licenses.

John L. Johnson..... American Hotel
Richard J. Loyd,..... Exchange Hotel
Peter Shoup,..... Cook Hotel
John Costello..... Eagle Hotel
Thos. J. Lysett,..... St. Charles Hotel
Samuel D. McDonald,..... Central House

Middle Ward.

Wm McGee,..... City Hotel
Richard Kelley,..... Emporium House
Riley Warner,..... Warner House
Michael Murphy,..... Commercial House
John Cummings,..... Cottage Hotel

EMPORIUM, MIDDLE WARD, RESTAURANT LICENSES.

William McDonald,..... Novelty Restaurant
Dennis Donovan,..... Star Restaurant

WHOLESALE LICENSES.

Henry Kraft,..... Emporium
A. A. McDonald,..... Emporium
F. X. Blumle,..... Shippen Township

BOTTLERS LICENSE.

Henry Kraft,..... Emporium
F. X. Blumle,..... Shippen

C. JAY GOODNOUGH, Clerk Q. S.